



# THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION

## JUDGES' NEWSLETTER

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### ***The 2008 TICA Annual Show and Banquet is History and has Become Another Legend in the Cat Fancy***

The The South Central Action Team certainly proved its creativity, knowledge, expertise, cohesiveness spirit, devotion, and love by producing this excellent effort full of fun, friendship, and fabulous felines. We wish to thank them for their excellent hospitality shown while hosting the Annual Meeting in Arlington, TX, as well.

The Annual Board Meeting was called to order on August 27, 2008, in Arlington, TX, at 8:45 AM, by the President, Kay DeVillbiss. The following Regional Directors were present: Linda Kay Ashley, MP; Jo Parris, SE; Cheryl Hogan, SC; Vickie Fisher, SW; Ellen Crockett, NW; Martin Wood, EN; Donna Madison, NE; Carlos Arrieta, SA; Genevieve Basquine, ES; Jamie Christian, GL; and Motoko Oizumi, AA, with her interpreter, Micki Takei Landa.

Also present were: Bobbie Tullo, Judging Administrator, Frances Young and Laurie Schiff, Legal Advisors, and Dewane Barnes, Rules Chair/Parliamentarian. The Vice President, Nancy Parkinson, was unable to attend.

We Are especially proud of our fellow judges, Dr. Solveig Pfluger who was named a TICA

Treasure for her ceaseless genetic work for the betterment of all cats, and Chris Unangst who was voted judge of the year for her contributions to cats and to TICA.

Congratulations to those of you have been accepted to train or approved for advancement in the TICA Judging Program.

Lindsey Wright has been accepted into the LH/SH Training Program.

Teresa Kempton has been accepted into the TICA Judging Program.

Juri Yawata has been advanced to Probationary Specialty Judge.

Alex Chisholm has been advanced to Provisional Allbreed Judge.

Nahoko Kaizuka. Mariko Kikuchi and Francine Hicks have all been advanced to Approved Allbreed Judges.

Welcome to the fold.

## Comments on the Annual Show

Some of us “ Old Timers” certainly enjoyed seeing and visiting with other “Old Timers” who found their way to this historic annual in the seat of TICA’s strongest regional beginnings. It was so good to see old friends like Fenton and Judy Kovic, D’Ann’s folks who were strong supporters of the Bombay. They had the honor of Being owned by “Lexie” AKA Brandy Alexander one of TICA’s Cats of the Year.

Also making their ways through the crowds were Jim Le Croix and Jerry Turner, former Silver Persian/Exotic breeders who seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves.

Then along came some “Young Timers” and THEIR kids, who made us “Old Timers” really feel old! Charli Lamb former Persian breeder was there with her daughter who had HER kids there! Wow! AND...former judge Wendy Klamm was there with Sarah (who used to play under the cages) and she had HER own kids there! Amazing! Time has flown!

I’m sure there were others (that I wish I had seen) but it truly was an Annual to prove our motto: TICA for Fabulous Felines, Fun and Friendships (Forever!).

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## Breeds and Standard Revisions

No Action was taken on the polydactyl Maine Coon.

The British Longhair has been accepted into Championship effective 05/01/09.

The new Ragdoll standard was accepted effective 05/01/09.

## Other Actions

The proposal from Karousel Kats was accepted for the 2011 Annual.

Rewording and renumbering of Show Rules 212.4-212.6 (Final Awards) will be forthcoming to clear up the 1-10- awards of the HHPK.

The concept of awarding 1-15 top cats was

supported by the board and referred the matter to the Business Plan and the Rules Committee.

## Standing Rules

Show Rule 216.12.2 states: Having more or less than five toes on each front foot and four on each back foot unless proved to be the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard.

Add Standing Rule 2016.12.2 to read:

Polydactyls, in any breed authorized by a Board approved standard, shall be limited to no more than 7 toes on any foot.

Add to Glossary: Polydactyls, in any breed authorized by a board standard, shall be limited to no more than 7 toes on any foot.

Amendments to the Judging Program 42.7.2, 44.5, 45.5, 46.5 effective immediately:

Applicants denied at the Annual may reapply at the Spring Meeting. Applicants denied at the Winter Meeting may reapply at the Annual. Applicants denied at the Spring Meeting may reapply at the Winter Meeting.

## Entry Clerking Certification

51.2.4.4 Licensed Entry Clerk.

It is now a requirement of the Judging Program to become a licensed Entry Clerk at entry level to the Judging Program.

Elaine Hawksworth-Weitz will administer the Entry Clerking Program. For schools, forms, exams contact info. is:  
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★★ REMINDERS ★★

Judges Membership fees and License fees are to be received in the TICA Office by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

All Trainees Membership fees are to be received in the TICA Office by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## JUDGES' FEES

### Show Rule

214.1 Judges must be paid fees for judging in US currency, or the equivalent of US currency, as established by the TICA Board of Directors. Judges must submit the entire bill for transportation, parking, incidentals and judging fee. Donations back to the club are at the discretion of the judge.

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

## HOTEL NIGHT REIMBURSEMENT

### Show Rule

214.2 The club shall reimburse each judge for reasonable expenses, including transportation, lodging and subsistence in accordance with the "Agreement to Judge TICA Cat Show" (i.e., the official TICA Judge's Contract).

### Judge's Contract

B. Lodging expenses at a hotel or motel of the Club's choice for the night prior to the Show and the day(s) and night(s) of the Show.

### *EO Trivia:*

When putting your judges books together to send to the EO, please put all of the finals pages together in the front. This is how the EO sets them up for scoring, and will save them time.

If a cat is DQ'd for biting please put the cat's entry number and DQ Bite on the front cover of your judge's book prior to mailing it in.

## New U.S. Travel Policy

Effective 23 January 2007, all customers traveling by air to or from the U.S. will be required to have a passport.

As early as January 2008, passports will be required for travel by car as well.

## THE INSURANCE MART

6045 Ridgewood Rd, Jackson, MS 38921-2799  
Phone: (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 briefcase at all times.*

## NOTICES OF INTENT:

If your application was not considered at a Board meeting, you must notify the Judging Administrator if you wish to continue to have your name listed in the TREND.

ALL CEU Attendance sheets (hard copy or electronic) should be sent to Toni Jones. She is handling the record keeping for relicencing.

*We need at least one Judging School per year in each Region.*

## JUDGING SCHOOLS & SEMINARS 2008

Wednesday October 1<sup>st</sup>, Vienna Austria  
Persian Breed Seminar with Lisa Dickie  
Facilitated by Kurt Vlach

October 13<sup>th</sup> Tokyo Japan  
Genetics Seminar - Massimo Picardello  
Contact: Mrs. Oizumi

Note: for a current update on CEU Opportunities, visit

<http://www.blueblaze.com/ceuopportunities.htm>

The current Judging Program documents can be found at

<http://www.blueblaze.com/jp.htm>

An archive of the Judges' Newsletters can be found at

<http://www.blueblaze.com/jnl.htm>

# RAGDOLL (RD) STANDARD

HEAD . . . . .	40 points
Shape . . . . .	9
Ears . . . . .	5
Eyes . . . . .	7
Chin . . . . .	5
Muzzle . . . . .	4
Profile.. . . . .	9
Neck . . . . .	1
BODY . . . . .	35 points
Torso . . . . .	8
Legs/Feet . . . . .	5
Tail . . . . .	4
Boning . . . . .	10
Musculature . . . . .	8
COAT/COLOR/PATTERN . . . . .	25 points
Length . . . . .	4
Texture.. . . . .	8
Pattern . . . . .	6
Color . . . . .	7

**CATEGORY:** Pointed.  
**DIVISIONS:** Solid Division, Tabby Division, Tortie Division and Particolor Division (mitted and bicolor patterns).  
**COLORS:** All pointed colors.  
**PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:** None.

**HEAD:**  
Shape: Broad modified wedge with slightly rounded contours. Flat plane on forehead starting at brow line and continuing back to ears.  
Moderate in all ways.  
Ears: Medium in size, broad at base, rounded tip. Set as much on top of the head as on the side, slightly tilted forward.  
Eyes: Blue, large, oval, moderately wide-set, outer aperture to fall in line with base of ear.  
Chin: Well-developed in line with nose.  
Muzzle: Rounded, medium in length. In line with wedge.  
Profile: Chin well-developed in line with nose. Straight nose to bridge followed by change of direction to gentle curve to brow. Flat plane from brow across forehead, continuing to between the ears.  
Neck: In proportion to head and torso.

**BODY:**  
Torso: Medium-long to long, substantial. Broad chest. Fat pad on lower abdomen acceptable. Females may be smaller than males. Substantial boning, in proportion to body, hind legs slightly longer than front legs.  
Feet: Large, round, tufting desirable.  
Tail: Equal to length of body. Thicker at base, with slight taper.  
Boning: Substantial.  
Musculature: Well-muscled with solid weight.  
**COAT:**  
Length: Semi-long, allow for shorter coats on unaltered adults and seasonal variations. Texture Silky soft, plush.

Minimal undercoat gives the coat body but coat still falls smoothly. Not wooly or cottony.  
**COLOR:** Even, lighter color on the body with minimal shading. Definite contrast between body and point color. Allow for darker body color in older cats. Allow for undeveloped color in young cats.

**SOLID POINT DIVISION:**  
Points: Ears, mask, legs, feet and tail to be darker well-defined color. Chest, bib and chin areas may be somewhat lighter in color. Soft shadings of color are allowed.

**PARTICOLOR DIVISION:**  
**Mitted Pattern:**  
**Head:** May have a broken or evenly matched white blaze on nose and/or between eyes. White not to extend into the inner corner of the eye, nose leather or whisker pads. Chin must be white.  
**Front Feet:** Evenly matched white mittens not to extend above bend of paw. All toes to be white.

**Paw Pads:** Pink but may show minor spotting of color corresponding to point color.  
**Back legs:** White goes up to and around the hocks entirely and extends no higher than mid-thigh. White stripe extending from chin through chest and length of belly.

**Bicolor Pattern:**  
**Head:** White inverted "V" on face that completely surrounds the pink nose leather and does not extend beyond the outer edge of the eye on either side. The "V" to be as symmetrical as possible. White Chin. Color may include white or shading in body color. Feet and legs: All white preferred. Small spots of point color allowable.  
**Paw Pads:** Pink preferred, but mixture of color on paw pads acceptable because of two colors in pattern.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The Ragdoll is a semi-longhaired, blue eyed, pointed cat with a sweet personality. The Ragdoll grows large and heavy, but is slow to mature and may not reach full weight and size for 4 years. Full color is not reached until 3 years old. The Ragdoll is muscular with little fat except on the lower abdomen fatty pad.

**ALLOWANCES:** Seasonal changes in coat length.  
**PENALIZE:**  
General: Short tail, pointed ears, short legs, cobby body, round eyes, Roman nose, straight profile, wooly/cottony coat texture.

Mitted: Lack of white belly stripe. White on ears and/or tail.  
Bicolor: White beyond the outside edge of the eye. White on ears and/or tail.  
**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):**  
General: Crossed eyes, any eye color other than blue.  
Pointed: Any white.  
Mitted: Lack of white chin.  
Bicolor: Any dark markings inside the white "V" including the chin.

**Article 16 Rules Apply**