



THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION JUDGES' NEWSLETTER

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Update from the TICA Winter Meeting 23-25 January 2009

The meeting was held in Harlingen, TX and called to order by Vickie Fisher, new TICA President. The President introduced and welcomed Interim Southwest Regional Director Susan Levine. The following Board Members were also in attendance: Bobbie Tullo - new TICA Vice President; Carlos Arrietta - South America; Linda Kay Ashley - Mid Pacific; Genevieve Basquine - Southern Europe; Jamie Christian - Great Lakes; Ellen Crockett - Northwest; Lisa Dickie - Mid Atlantic; Cheryl Hogan - South Central; Donna Madison - Northeast; and Jo Parris - Southeast. Martin Wood, Regional Director for Northern Europe arrived late.

Laurie Schiff & Frances Young, Legal Advisors, were also present. Motoko Oizumi, Regional Director for Asia, was unable to attend the meeting.

The Board spent an educational Friday afternoon at the Executive Office-talking to the office staff, asking questions, and learning how certain procedures are completed. They completed a "walk through" of the newly programmed scoring system. While there, several of the Board Members met with Larry Hart to discuss future programming schedules.

The new TICA website is scheduled to launch in mid-March, and the Board was given a preview. Deb Decker, TICA's Marketing Director, gave a presentation on the new on-line TICA store and other marketing ventures in the works!

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

JUDGES' LICENSES

TRAINEE LOGS

ADVANCEMENT EXAMS

PASCALÉ PORTELAS
P.O. Box 242
CULVER CITY, CA 90232-0242
EMAIL: rexotics@earthlink.net

REFRESHER TESTS

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JUDGE EMERITUS

JOHN BURCH

APPROVED ALLBREED

RYOKO DOI
ELEKTRA HAMMOND
DEBBIE LOPEMAN
CHRIS UNANGST

PROVISIONAL ALLBREED

RENE KNAPP

REINSTATED AS APPROVED ALLBREED

WENDY KLAMM

REINSTATED AS PROBATIONARY

SPECIALTY
JAMES REARDON

LH/SH TRAINEE

TONI SCARBORO

Sad Tidings

Loss of Bob Mullen

On February 11th, I lost one of my very best friends and TICA lost one of its most ardent supporters. Bob Mullen lost his fight for life in the predawn darkness at 3:30am.

He was a true gentleman with a strong work ethic. He believed in integrity, good sportsmanship, honesty and common decency. And he had no time or patience for people who acted otherwise. He gave so much to TICA from the very beginning; acting as the first Executive Secretary and later serving on the Board of Directors as Southwest Regional Director. His club, The Nomads, put on numerous shows, the last in 2007. He served as show announcer for many clubs and as emcee for many TICA Annuals.

He was so pleased and excited when TICA named him to the Hall of Fame-- a well deserved honor.

He will always be a treasure and a very special person to all who knew and loved him.



*Appreciation by
Frances Yow*

***For more about Bob's contributions to TICA's early days, see the Tribute in the upcoming issue of the TICA Trend.*

★★ BOARD ACTIONS ★★

Starting May 1st, the Thai has been moved to Advanced New Breed status. The Tennessee Rex has been granted Registration Only status.

There are updated standards for the Highlander (HG/HL), Ragdoll (RD) and Savannah (SV) May 1st.

New standards can be found at:

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




Major change to the Standing Rule concerning Judges' Books, effective immediately:

2017.1 Judges Books. Judges must forward the COVER and the ORIGINAL (white copy) of all pages of the judge's book to the Executive Office of TICA within 48 hours after the close of the show. **Alternately, judges may forward a scanned document containing the cover and all white pages to the Executive Office within 48 hours**

after the close of the show. The scanned book must be legible and all pages must be included, otherwise the judge's book will not be considered complete and timely, and the penalties for a late judge's book assessed. If a scanned book is used in lieu of the original, the judge must retain the original judge's book until one year after the close of the show season to which that judge's book relates, and must provide the original judge's book to the Executive Office within 48 hours after a if requested to do so. The yellow copy of all pages of the judge's book is to be turned in to the master clerk at the proper time during the show. The judge retains the pink copy of all pages of the judge's book for his/her personal records. At the completion of the show, the Master Clerk will submit the marked catalog and the yellow copies of the judge's books to the Club/Show Committee.

Going to Membership Ballot:

-  Add Show Rule 210.13: No exhibitor shall spray, pour or otherwise introduce any liquid or aerosol substance into a judging cage except the official cage cleaning solution in use in that ring, or at the judges specific direction.



Some regional realignments will also take effect May 1st. The largest change is the formation of Western Europe, comprising England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Iceland, Scotland, Isle of Mann, and Wales. Some rearrangement of Northern and Southern Europe also will take effect at that time. Minor changes to the Southeast, South Central and South America regions were also made—detail of all of the above can be found in the meeting minutes. There were also changes regarding which countries/areas will have isolated status next show season.






★★★ IMPORTANT CHANGE ★★★ GOES INTO EFFECT MAY 1st ★★★ IMPORTANT CHANGE ★★★

32 Divisions

TRADITIONAL	SEPIA	MINK	POINTED
Traditional Solid	Sepia Solid	Mink Solid	Pointed Solid
Traditional Tortie	Sepia Tortie	Mink Tortie	Pointed Tortie
Traditional Tabby	Sepia Tabby	Mink Tabby	Pointed Tabby
Traditional Silver/Smoke	Sepia Silver/Smoke	Mink Silver/Smoke	Pointed Silver/Smoke
Traditional Solid & White	Sepia Solid & White	Mink Solid & White	Pointed Solid & White
Traditional Tortie & White	Sepia Tortie & White	Mink Tortie & White	Pointed Tortie & White
Traditional Tabby & White	Sepia Tabby & White	Mink Tabby & White	Pointed Tabby & White
Traditional Silver/Smoke & White	Sepia Silver/Smoke & White	Mink Silver/Smoke & White	Pointed Silver/Smoke & White

The above table illustrates the categories and new divisions that will apply to championship breeds and household pets beginning 1 May 2009.

-  By breaking the particolor division into separate divisions based upon the pigmented/patterned areas, we are keeping the best of the current household pet divisions and are offering championship breeds additional divisions for cats expressing the piebald gene.
-  By classifying household pets as traditional, sepia, mink and pointed, household pets gain additional divisions for showing.
-  There will no longer be the differences in the divisions that silver tabbies are shown in. ALL silver tabbies, whether championship breeds or household pets, will be shown in the silver/smoke division. This will eliminate a great deal of confusion for both exhibitors and judges.

The net result of this revision is that there will be 32 competitive divisions for ALL cats. Currently, there are 10 competitive divisions for household pets and 20 competitive divisions for championship breeds.

★★ REMINDERS ★★

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.

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 2009, PASSPORTS OR ENHANCED DRIVERS LICENSES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR TRAVEL BY CAR AS WELL.

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.

Membership Dues and License Fees:

Per the Judging Program 414.5:

Membership dues for the 2010-2011 show year for all Judges & Trainees must be **received** by the Executive Office by **30 October 2009**, unless you are a Life Member.

License renewal fees for Judges, Trainees and ACTIVE Judges Emeritus must be **received** by the Executive Office by **30 October 2009**. Distinguished Judges (DJ) are exempt.

License and Processing Fees may be found at the front of the judging program.

Failure to meet these requirements may result in a \$25 fine. Judges failing to pay fines or having missing requirements will be relicensed pending payment of fees and completion of missing requirements. If fees are not paid by February 1st, an additional late fee of \$25 will be assessed by the EO.



EVERY JUDGE MUST SUBMIT AN UPDATED PICTURE EVERY THREE YEARS TO THE TICA YEARBOOK EDITOR (JOHN HARRISON).

JUDGES' INSURANCE COMPANY
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 Claim Form in your briefcase at all times.



LOOK FOR REFRESHER TESTS TO COME YOUR WAY EARLY IN APRIL - BE PREPARED !!



★★ JUDGING SCHOOLS & SEMINARS ★★

WE NEED AT LEAST ONE JUDGING SCHOOL PER YEAR IN EACH REGION.

2009 CALENDAR

21 MARCH - TOKYO CAT CLUB - TOKYO, JAPAN
JUDGING SCHOOL - CHIEKO OHIRA, MOTOKO OIZUMI, KAREN McINCHAK
INFO: MICHIKO HAGAN michijp@live.com

28 MARCH - GENETICS SEMINAR - JAPAN
INFO: YUKIMASA HATTORI yuki-masa@mwa.biglobe.ne.jp
81-52-721-2528

28 MARCH - TEXAS MAINE COONFEDERACY - VINTON, LA
JUDGES' CONFERENCE
INFO: ELEKTRA HAMMOND elektra@blueblaze.com 607-279-6047

3 APRIL - BLUE DANUBE CAT CLUB - GRAZ, AUSTRIA
GENETICS SEMINAR - MASSIMO PICARDELLO
INFO: KURT VLACH kurt.vlach@chello.at 43-664-1206-154

18 APRIL - SKYWAY CAT CLUB - LARGO, FL
JUDGES CONFERENCE - DINNER INCLUDED
INFO: ROB SELISKAR rseliskar@tampabay.rr.com 813-961-9480

18 APRIL - ALL ABOUT CATS - ENNS, AUSTRIA (SHOW HOTEL)
BREED SEMINAR - BS/BL AND RELATED BREEDS
PRESENTED BY PAM BARRETT & MONIKA DANY
INFO: MONIKA DANY modany@kabasi.at (RVSP BY 4/2/09)

23 & 24 MAY - CEU FIESTA - ALBUQUERQUE, NM
GENETICS SEMINAR, JUDGING SCHOOL, BREED SEMINARS, ETC.
INFO: VICKIE FISHER coonquest@gmail.com

30 & 31 MAY - CEU SOJOURN - KNOXVILLE, TN
GENETICS SEMINAR, JUDGING SCHOOL, BREED SEMINARS, ETC.
MODERATED BY STEVEN SAVANT
INFO: STEPHANIE SMITH holyfold@aol.com 423-261-2049

WEEKLY - CLASSES ON ALL ASPECTS OF TICA
BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
INFO: CARLOS ARRIETA libertocats@yahoo.com 5411 4522 4519



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

It is the Judge's responsibility to list all your CEUs on your Record Form if you want credit for meeting the requirements.



★★ HELPFUL URLS ★★

FOR A CURRENT UPDATE ON CEU OPPORTUNITIES, VISIT :
<http://www.blueblaze.com/ceuopportunities.htm>

THE CURRENT JUDGING PROGRAM DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING THE INSURANCE CLAIM FORM) 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>

