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Important Information

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End of the Year

Awards

If you have been showing your Selkirks in CFA shows during the past show season (May 1998 through April 1999) be sure you send in a copy of the catalog with the placing for each of the Selkirk entered. Remember, we want to give a **Best of Breed** award for the Selkirk that has the highest number of points (acquired through defeating other Selkirks). We will have a Best and Second Best award for Kittens, Adults and Premiership cats.

Send in your catalog pages as soon as possible. The only ones I have right now are the page from one show in the Midwest and the International. I want to make sure that everyone has a chance to have their points count for these awards.

The second reason for my wanting these pages is that we have to indicate how many different cats we have shown and in what regions. Without the catalog pages (and an indication of the region the show was in), someone (probably me) will have to go to the CFA Central Office sometime in October/November and dig through all of the catalogs for the past two years and get all that information. CFA won't do it for us.

CFA Annual in Sacramento

If anyone is planning on coming to the Annual in Sacramento (about 90 miles from me), let me know. Unless anyone has objections, I can be the delegate from the SRBC, since it is so close.

CFA Selkirk Rex Breed Council

I've enclosed a copy of the 1999 Breed Council Application form. If you have not sent one in to join the Selkirk Rex Breed Council, do so IMMEDIATELY. Despite Diana Doernberg's insistence that new breeds in Provisional do not have a breed council like every other breed, she has been unwilling (actually unable) to show me where she gets her ideas (besides making it up as she goes along).

For 18 years, since 1979, new breeds that reach provisional status get a breed council that is treated the same as every other breed council. If you look at the CFA Almanac for December 1991, you will see the American Curl Breed Council listed with Joe Ruga as the Secretary. Nowhere does it state that the Curls are in Provisional status. They were not advanced to Championship until 1993!

I have been trying to fight this battle, against diminishing odds, but it is one we need to win. The more people who join, the better. Remember, now with an **official** published standard, the club can no longer change the standard.

Another reason we need people to join the BC - see the enclosed proposed rule changes. There are several that will seriously impact our ability to **get** a breed council if we don't fight for our right to have one now. In addition, we won't have an opportunity to have our say on the WIAB issue (rule #51).

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*A CFA affiliated breed club,
organized to provide information
and support the Selkirk Rex in
CFA.*

*Membership dues are \$15 per year
for individuals, \$20 for two
members at the same address.*

Dues include the Woolgathering.

Club Officers are:

President: Nancy McMullen

Vice President: Pam Sharp

Treasurer: Carolyn Koval

Secretary: Donna Bass

Directors: Sandy Babcock

Kathy Hummer

vacant

Breed Council Application

Proposed rule changes:

Rather than saddle you with 16 pages of proposed Constitution, Show Rules and Non-Show Rules changes, I have summarized the ones that may have little interest for the Selkirk Rex Breed Club. Please vote for those you believe need to be addressed and send the results to me as soon as possible (no later than 6/10/99 - since I will be the delegate at the annual meeting when these will be voted on). Donna Bass, 243 Hieber Drive, Pacheco, CA 94553

CONSTITUTION:

1. Increase number of regions by 1; decrease number of Directors at Large (DAL) by 1; revise region boundaries (revise all boundaries and add "Mid Atlantic Region").
2. Increase number of regions by 1; decrease number of DAL by 1; revise region boundaries of Region 2 and add "Pacific Region" (No. Calif., No. Nevada and Utah).
3. Increase number of regions by 2; decrease number of DAL by 2; revise region boundaries and add "Mid Atlantic Region" and "Pacific Region".
4. Eliminate DAL positions (to save money for CFA)
5. Reduce number of DAL to 2 from 7 (ditto)
6. Eliminates DAL positions, changes voting for Regional Directors to year different from Officers (currently they are voted for in the same year).
7. Makes requirements for becoming an officer more stringent:
 - "No person shall be eligible to serve as an Officer or Director of this Association who does not meet the following requirements:
 - * They must have a registered cattery with CFA for a minimum of 10 years prior to the closing date for declarations. Such proof of cattery registration is the responsibility of the candidate.
 - * They must have materially participated in the production of at least 5 CFA shows. Their name must have appeared on the show license for those shows.
 - * Must be at least 21 years of age."
8. Makes requirements for becoming an officer more stringent (not as stringent as 7)
 - "No person shall be eligible to serve as an Officer or Director of this Association who does not meet the following requirements:
 - * They must have a registered cattery with CFA for at least ten (10) years prior to the closing date for declarations. Such proof of cattery registration is the responsibility of the candidate.
 - * Be at least 21 years of age."
9. Removes the past president from the Board.
10. Changes the Breed Council rules (changing all instances of "Committee" with "Council" and making some wording changes). The rationale given is:
 - * This revision of the Breed Council section of the Constitution makes no changes to the rules or intent of the section. This revision simply eliminates outdated references to the original breed committees and breed committee secretaries, the forerunners of our present day breed councils. **These outdated references have been confused with the use of the term breed committees in the 1979 Rules for Acceptance and Advancement of New Breeds and Colors in connection with provisional and miscellaneous breeds.** (emphasis added).
 - * *Please note - if this passes, with this rationale intact, any breed that currently does not have a "breed council" per Diana Doernberg's interpretation will never get one. This change does not address the issue of when a breed gets a breed council, just states that one will be formed. Since the BC rules were adopted AFTER the 1979 rules for advancement, there was no confusion with the Rules for Advancement. This is another way to deny breeds in Provisional status the same BC status that every other breed has enjoyed since 1979 when the rules were adopted. I am planning on speaking against this rule change, so if you have any pithy thoughts, comments, etc. that I can use, please let me know asap!!!*
11. Makes BC membership harder to get (more years breeding, more years showing, requires granding a cat in order to make BC membership).
12. Makes granding a cat a requirement for becoming a BC member.
13. Makes granding a cat a requirement for becoming a BC member, as well as belonging to a CFA club.
 - Please note: on these last three, if passed, NO ONE will be able to become a member of a new breed's breed council until they have granded a cat. If you think granding a new breed is easy, disabuse yourself of that notion immediately. If these pass, new breeds will not have a breed council like every other breed in CFA and will be unable to participate in the issues that the current BCs are dealing with.*
14. Changes wording of eligibility regarding ownership vs leasing a cat.
15. BC membership change: "The registration of any individual litter can be used to qualify only one person for breed councils

membership."

16. BC membership change: "The registration of any individual litter can be used to qualify only one person or two people residing at the same address for breed council membership."
17. BC membership change: "A litter which has been re-registered to add an individual or individuals as additional breeders of the litter may not be used to qualify the additional breeder or breeders for Breed Council membership."
18. BC membership change: "The use of the term "exhibiting" in the previous paragraph will be defined to mean that the applicant will have personally attended the CFA show listed on their application form. Procedures to verify compliance with this requirement will be established by the CFA Executive Board."
19. BC membership change: "The exhibiting of any one cat/kitten can be used to qualify only one person."
20. BC membership change: "The exhibiting of any one specific cat/kitten can be used to qualify only one person or two people residing at the same address for breed council membership."
21. BC application change: two alternatives. One requires original signed form, the other allows faxed applications.
22. BC secretary votes: requires a re-ballot before deciding by lot.
23. Changes the rule regarding 60% of the voting BC membership to include the following: "but in no case less than a simple majority (i.e., 50%) of the total Breed Council members of the specific Breed Council(s) affected." In other words, those members who don't care enough to send back a ballot want to make sure they are included -with their "no" vote, without having to send the ballot back.
24. Adds to Article XI the following to replace the word "affected" - "for the breed whose standard is changing. Other Breed Councils that have an interest in the proposed change should also be polled at the discretion of the Board; however, the approval of the other Breed Councils is not required for consideration, discussion or acceptance of the proposed changes."
25. Adds to Article XI the following to replace the word "affected" - "for the breed whose standards are being altered, amended or added to."
26. Show license change.
27. Amends Article XIII to add: "No registered kitten/cat may compete at any show licensed by this Association in a competitive class of a breed other than the breed in which that kitten/cat is registered."

SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS:

28. Add a rule that it will be possible to withdraw from a ring for a judge who is campaigning for a regional/ national win and not have the ring count in ring averages. Rationale: "Many judges are actively exhibiting for top wins and this is certainly encouraged. However, when a judge is involved in showing a cat for a Regional or National win, it is perceived by the average exhibitor that the judge's final may be influenced by how it affects the cat that they are showing. Although the reputation of CFA's judges is held in the highest regard, this rule will remove the conflict of interest and the perception of impropriety."
29. Relating to biting cats/kittens and DQs
30. If a cat/kitten is DQ'd at two shows for biting, it is no longer eligible to be shown at any CFA show.
31. Relating to naming an agent.
32. Change from Open to PR or Open to Ch if your cat becomes CH or PR on Saturday, you can show on Sunday as a champion/premier. Responsibility for correct point counts is exhibitors. If you're wrong, you lose all your finals/grand points on Sunday.
33. Change from PR to GPR or Ch to GCH if your cat grands on Saturday, you can show on Sunday as a grand. Responsibility for correct point counts is exhibitors. If you're wrong, you lose all your finals points on Sunday.
34. Changes due date for sending in CH/PR confirmations.
35. Requesting end of row in judging cages for people with mobility assisting devices.
36. Entry by email, fax or mail.
37. Show license revocation.
38. Relating to fastenings for judging cages.
39. Substitutions for entries.
40. Go as high as 3rd best Champion, 3rd Best Longhair Ch, 3rd Best Shorthair CH in allbreed rings.
41. Kittens finals to 10th for fewer than 100 kittens. To 15th for more than 100 kittens, for allbreed rings.
42. If 40 and 41 don't pass, increase to 3rd and 4th Best Ch, 3rd best Longhair and 3rd best Shorthair in allbreed rings.
43. In specialty rings, through 3rd best in both longhair and shorthair champions. For kittens, through 10th for less than 100 kittens, through 15th for more than 100 kittens.
44. Changes number of places in finals in breed specialty rings for championship.
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46. Require the use of C for Championship, H for household pet, like P is for Premiership and K is for kittens.
47. Change for kittens that turn 8 months old after the end of the season.
48. Regional assignment change date.

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50. Breeds and Standards chair should be an independently elected board member.
51. WIAB statement to be submitted to the Breed Councils for a vote. (see text below)
52. Keeping the pointed Orientals in the show ring.

Some of these issues are of vital importance to new breeds, especially the Selkirk Rex. Get your vote in and any thoughts you may have and we'll work on them together.

51.
RESOLVED: That the following alternative WIAB statement be submitted to the Breed Councils for a vote along with the statement produced by the WIAB committee:

WIAB

A breed is a group of domestic cats that the governing body of CFA has agreed to recognize as such. A breed must have distinguishing features that set it apart from all other breeds.

As each breed has its own distinctive features the only necessary classification of breeds is a functional one, i.e., how the breed is used in cross breeding. The breed functions as a PARENT breed or a CHILD (HYBRID) breed. Within this framework the parent breed is assured the following protection. A child (hybrid) offspring which mimics (look-alikes) the parent breed must be classified as an AOV and for breeding only.

The only exception to the above will be if related breeds wishing to merge develop a workable plan acceptable to 70% of the voting members of the involved breed councils.

For breeds that have out-crossing, each breed council with a 60% voting majority will determine if and when it is safe and appropriate to set cut off dates for out-crossing.

For breeds who are closed to out-crossing and develop the need to out-cross for health and vitality, the CFA Board will grant approval of an out-crossing plan when 60% of the voting breed council membership approves such an out-crossing proposal. In addition to this required breed council approval, any such out-crossing proposal should include the following:

- a. A summary of the problem and/or problems that have caused the request to be made.
- b. Relevant statements from qualified vet and/or genetic professionals establishing that out-crossing is the best course to follow to correct the problem.
- c. The source of the desired out-cross.
- d. A guarantee to breeds that might be used as an out-cross in such a program that any look-alike cats produced by such out-crossing will not at any time seek any other designation other than AOV.
- e. A description of the registration procedures to be used in the establishment of the out-crossing program and approval by the CFA Executive Directors of such procedures.

RATIONALE: This WIAB statement takes a position that ameliorates opposing positions. While it removes from the committee version some objectionable items, it does provide protection for parent breeds. At the same time, if sometime in the distant future, breed councils of strongly related breeds wish to reorganize to form a group under an umbrella type structure, it would be possible so long as a large majority of the involved breed councils agree.

Next February

I would like to make our vote to be advanced to Championship a Breed Council vote (as it has been for every other breed), along with any standard changes. I've included the official CFA standard as posted on the CFA web page, so read it, make any changes you think make it clearer and send it in and

the Breed Council members will vote on the changes.

Kim Everett, a champion for new breeds, has indicated that she will no longer be serving on the board after next year's vote. She's tired of the BS that the board seems to be generating, and figures 18 years is long enough. We will know after this year's annual how

favorable (or not) next February's board will be.

Proposed Rules Changes

I hope you will read the rules above and let me know how you feel.

My Apologies

The past four or five months have been absolutely horrible (with a few moments of peace) and I have not had the energy or finances to send out the last issue of the Woolgathering (as you may have noticed). Next Christmas, I promise to send out the calendar in time for it to be of use!

CFA International Show in Kansas

Selkirk Rex Pack

In the June issue of *Cat Fancy* magazine, Lorraine Shelton wrote an article about the Selkirk Rex (and LaPerm). There are some gorgeous pictures of Selkirks included! In that same issue, in the Breeder Ads, a beautiful, color ad for the Selkirk Rex Pack (a list of breeders and information). Contact Pam Sharp (208-585-6528) if you would like to get further information about being included or to find out if you are included!

City, MO

Last year's show was wonderful, with 14 gorgeous examples of the breed. I hope we can see even more of them this year (same place as last year) and that we can have a club/breed council meeting at the show. Since they keep changing the rules/requirements for Provisional breeds, I don't know what is going to be required, but I'll let you know.

Pictures Needed

I need to get a 11x17 picture of a good Selkirk Rex standing so that I can see

Elections

It is time once again to think about the officers of the club. If you are interested in becoming an officer or director of the club, please send your name to Pam Sharp, SRBC Vice President and she will compile a list of nominees. Send your info to Pam Sharp, 8744 Foothill Rd., Middleton, ID 83644.

his/her body from the side. If you have a good picture taken professionally, let me know how much your photographer will charge for an enlargement to 11 x 17 (or thereabouts). I need to get this as soon as possible.

Kittens/Studs?

Anybody have anything available?

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