



THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

World's Largest Registry of Pedigreed Cats

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. 2014 BREED COUNCIL POLL

PERSIAN – GENERAL

Outgoing Breed Council Secretary: Linda Acomb – Fallbrook, CA

Incoming Breed Council Secretary: Carissa Altschul – Joshua, TX

Total Members: 202

Ballots Received: 179

- 1. PROPOSED:** Prohibit the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian Color Classes effective May 1, 2015. Agree to the showing of Longhair Exotics in the Exotic divisions or breed classes as established by the Exotic breed.

CFA shall make the following changes to applicable Show Rules and Persian Rules of Registration in order to remove the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian color classes (note: changes relating to the Exotic standard, the Exotic Listing within Article XXXII, Rule 32.01 of the Show Rules, and the Exotic Rules of Registration will be addressed by the Exotic BC):

- Revise Show Rule 2.04 to read as follows (text to be deleted in strike out): ~~With the exception of qualifying longhair Exotics (which may be shown in Persian classes), e~~ Each cat must be entered in the breed under which it is registered, and each kitten must be entered in the breed under which it is registered or eligible to be registered.
- Revise Article XXXII, Rule 32.01 of the Show Rules effective May 1, 2015 to eliminate the note at the end of the Persian listing. Revisions to the show rule are shown below (deletions are in strike out – there are no changes to the divisions and color classes included in the Persian listing).

PERSIAN*

~~(See Note at End of Persian Listing)~~

~~**Note:** Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions are eligible to compete in Persian color classes. These cats, also referred to as AOV Exotics, are identified by a registration prefix of 7798-7799, 7698-7699 and 7598-7599. A longhair division for Exotics will be created for scoring purposes only and National/regional points accumulated by~~

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~~longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes will count towards longhair Exotic breed and color class wins, not towards Persian wins.~~

c. Add a note to the “Significant Acceptance Dates” section and add notes to the “Breed Notes” section of the Persian Rules of Registration indicating Longhair Exotics no longer accepted in competition in Persian classes.

RATIONALE: This same question was on the Persian and Exotic Breed Council ballots in 2013. It was passed by 69% of the Persian Breed Council membership (138/199). LH Exotics are currently shown as Persians but receive national and regional breed awards as LH Exotics even though the Exotic Standard does not include a description of a LH Exotic. With this proposal, the Persian BC asks the Exotic BC to modify the Exotic Standard and color classes to permit the showing of LH Exotics in a LH Division of the Exotic Breed. The Exotic Breed Council refused to put those questions on their ballot and the Persian BC was told that the question proposed by the Persian BC could not include those changes since the Persian BC cannot vote on changes to the Exotic Standard. Consequently, the two BCs are at a standoff.

Given the positive vote of the Persian BC to this question, the Board asked the Persian and Exotic BCs to come to the Board table with a compromise. Both Breed Council Secretaries did discuss the issue and both agreed that they could not come to a compromise, so therefore did not present the two BCs with an alternative. The Persian BC again requests that the Exotic BC be asked to put a question on their ballot modifying the Exotic Standard to include a description of LH Exotics since LH Exotics receive national and regional LH Exotic breed wins. It should not be possible for a LH cat to receive a LH Breed win in a Breed whose Standard only describes a shorthair cat. The Persian BC also requests that the Exotic BC put a question on their ballot that would create a LH Exotic Division with LH Exotic Color Classes in which LH Exotics would be shown.

The background for this proposal is as follows. In 2008, the Board required the Exotic and Persian Breed Council Secretaries to reach a compromise that would permit the showing of Longhair Exotics. The Board also informed the two BC secretaries that they did not want a solution that permitted the showing of cats in separate breeds that would look alike to spectators at CFA shows. Consequently, the compromise proposed and approved in 2009 permitted Longhair Exotics that meet Persian color descriptions to be shown for championship status in Persian color classes. A Longhair Division of Exotics was created for scoring purposes only – all national and regional points accumulated by Longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes count towards Longhair Exotic Division wins, not towards Persian Division wins.

Permitting LH Exotics to be shown should have eliminated the complaint of some CFA Exotic breeders that they could not show their LH Exotics. It also should have enabled Persians not registerable with CFA because they are registered with another association and have Exotics within their five-generation pedigree to be registered and shown in CFA as LH Exotics.

In February 2013, the Board approved a compromise allowing pointed Orientals in Colorpoint and Balinese colors to be shown in Shorthair and Longhair Pointed color classes

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within the Oriental breed. In order to maintain its credibility with breeders, the Board should resolve similar issues among subsets of breeds in the same way. Consequently, since the Board has now approved the showing of “mimics” within their own breed instead of within their parent breed as mandated in 2008 to the Persian and Exotic BC secretaries, it is only appropriate Longhair Exotics should be shown in color classes within a Longhair Division of the Exotic breed, not in Persian color classes.

This change will have no significant impact on the Exotic breed since Longhair Exotics can still be shown and receive LH Exotic Breed wins. This change simply requires LH Exotics to be shown in LH Exotic color classes instead of in Persian color classes. Furthermore, this change permits Longhair Exotics of any approved Exotic color to be shown for championship status, not just those conforming to an approved Persian color.

YES: 114

NO: 64

ABSTAIN: 1

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 178

50% of Voting: 89

- 2. PROPOSED:** That CFA increase the requirement for registration of a Persian cat or kitten in CFA from another registering association via certified pedigree from five (5) to eight (8) generations.

RATIONALE: The Persian Breed Council respectfully asks the Board to reconsider its prior actions and allow this request which has previously been granted to the Siamese, Burmese, Abyssinian, and Russian Blue breeds. Despite overwhelming approval by the Persian breed council members in prior votes (2005 ballot – 71%, 2002 ballot – 78%, 2001 ballot - 70%), the Persian has been held to a different standard and has not been given equal treatment in such an important ballot item which ultimately affects the future of the breed as a whole. In addition to Exotics, the Selkirk Rex and now Burmilla, are allowed to outcross to Persians which could potentially create problems for our breed in the future. As the world’s largest registry of pedigreed cats, CFA takes pride in offering the recorded history of individual cats that a pedigree provides. We are an organization of breeders, and as such, Persian breeders should also have our voice recognized and expect to be given the same tools and level of respect as other CFA Breed Councils.

YES: 124

NO: 53

ABSTAIN: 2

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 177

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- 3.** The Exotic Breed Council has a proposal to divide the Exotic breed into longhair and shorthair divisions. Exotic Longhairs would be registered in the appropriate Exotic color class and be identified by specific registration prefix numbers/letters as Exotic Longhairs (example: 7XXXL prefix numbers, the addition of “L” would indicate “Longhair:”). Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support the proposed divisions.

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PROPOSED: Create LH/SH Divisions of Exotic. Provide coat descriptions for both the Exotic Shorthair and the Exotic Longhair. Delete any AOV reference to Longhair.

Current:

GENERAL: the ideal Exotic should present an impression of a heavily boned, well balanced cat with a sweet expression and soft, round lines. The large, round eyes set wide apart in a large round head contribute to the overall look and expression. The thick, plush coat softens the lines of the cat and accentuates the roundness in appearance.

Proposed:

GENERAL: the ideal Exotic should present an impression of a heavily boned, well balanced cat with a sweet expression and soft, round lines. The large, round eyes set wide apart in a large round head contribute to the overall look and expression. The thick, plush coat of the Exotic Shorthair and the long thick coat of the Exotic Longhair ~~softens~~ soften the lines of the cat and ~~accentuates~~ accentuate the roundness in appearance.

AND

Current:

COAT: dense, plush, soft and full of life. Standing out from the body due to a rich, thick undercoat. Medium in length. Acceptable length depends on proper undercoat.

Proposed:

COAT: Exotic Shorthair: dense, plush, soft and full of life. Standing out from the body due to a rich, thick undercoat. Medium in length. Acceptable length depends on proper undercoat. Exotic Longhair: Long and thick, standing off from the body. Of fine texture, glossy and full of life. Long all over the body, including the shoulders. The ruff immense and continuing in a deep frill between the front legs. Ear and toe tufts long. Brush very full.

Exotic Breed Council Rationale: This proposal is being placed on our ballot by a directive from the CFA board. This is to show the board what the Exotic breeders want to do with their Exotic Longhairs.

We discovered that the Himalayan breed was merged into the Persians in 1984. The Himalayans' stopped their outcrossing to Siamese in 1955. They were given 27 years of only crossing with Persians before they became a division of the Persian breed, with their non-colorpoint offspring being registered as Persians in the appropriate color class division with a 3XXX identifying number. The Exotic breed stopped their outcrossing to any shorthair breeds in 1987. This will be a 28 year separation from a SH breed.

Bi-Color Persians had shorthairs behind their pedigrees and were considered hybrids and yet they were accepted to championship in 1970. The Himalayans had Siamese behind their pedigrees and were considered hybrids and yet they were accepted to championship in 1984.

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Based on this precedent, we feel they are Persians and therefore do not want them placed as a division of the Exotic.

If you want the possibility of the Exotic Longhairs to stay as they are currently (registered as Long Haired Exotics and shown in the appropriate Persian color classes), or perhaps someday merging with the Persians, then you want to vote NO on this proposal.

Persian Breed Council Rationale: Regardless of whether Longhair Exotics are shown in Persian Color Classes or in a Longhair Exotic division, they receive Longhair Exotic National and Regional Breed awards and thus there should be a description of the Longhair coat in the Exotic Standard.

Are you in favor of the Longhair and Shorthair Divisions as proposed by the Exotic Breed Council?

YES: 114

NO: 62

ABSTAIN: 3

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 176

50% of Voting: 88

4. The Selkirk Rex Breed Council has a proposal to indefinitely extend the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support the proposed outcross extension.

PROPOSED: *To indefinitely extend the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic.*

Current:

Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds: *British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Kittens born on or after January 1, 2020 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.*

Proposed:

Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds: *British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. ~~Kittens born on or after January 1, 2020 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.~~*

Selkirk Rex Breed Council Rationale: *Selkirk Rex breeders have consistently supported outcrossing for the sake of the genetic diversity and improvement of the health and vigor of the breed. Since the Selkirk Rex gene pool is small, outcrossing improves the health of the breed by introducing variability to the existing gene pool. Outcrossing has the ability to strengthen and reinforce desirable traits, while mitigating potential genetic flaws. There is no impact on the breeds being used for outcrossing as these offspring would not be eligible to be shown as British Shorthair, Exotic, or Persian, nor is it the intention to ever do so.*

Persian Breed Council Rationale: While the Selkirk Rex breeders feel there is no impact to the breeds with which they are allowed to outcross, the Persian breed has seen with the

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Exotics that the situation and impact may change over time. The Selkirk Rex breeders knew they had a fixed number of years that they would be permitted to outcross to Persians when they were accepted as a breed and they should concentrate on using the remaining time they have to outcross to Persians wisely to enhance the diversity of their gene pool rather than asking to indefinitely extend their ability to outcross to Persians.

Are you in favor of indefinitely extending the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to Persian, as proposed by the Selkirk Rex Breed Council?

YES: 46

NO: 128

ABSTAIN: 5

REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)

Votes: 174

50% of Voting: 87

The following proposal is to be considered if #4 does not pass:

5. If Proposal #4 fails, the Selkirk Rex Breed Council has a proposal to extend the Selkirk Rex outcrosses to British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic to January 1, 2025. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support the proposed outcross extension.

PROPOSED: *To extend the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to January 1, 2025.*

Current:

Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds: *British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Kittens born on or after January 1, 2020 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.*

Proposed:

Selkirk Rex allowable outcross breeds: *British Shorthair, Persian, or Exotic. Kittens born on or after January 1, ~~2020~~ 2025 may have only Selkirk Rex parents.*

Selkirk Rex Breed Council Rationale: *While our preference would be to have outcrosses indefinitely, an extension of the outcross deadline would allow Selkirk Rex breeders additional time to improve the genetic diversity of the breed.*

Persian Breed Council Rationale: While the Selkirk Rex breeders feel there is no impact to the breeds with which they are allowed to outcross, the Persian breed has seen with the Exotics that the situation and impact may change over time. The Selkirk Rex breeders knew they had a fixed number of years that they would be permitted to outcross to Persians when they were accepted as a breed and they should concentrate on using the remaining time they have to outcross to Persians wisely to enhance the diversity of their gene pool rather than asking to extend their ability to outcross to Persians for an additional 5 years.

Are you in favor of extending the Selkirk Rex allowable outcrosses to Persian to January 1, 2025, as proposed by the Selkirk Rex Breed Council?

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YES: 83

NO: 89

ABSTAIN: 7

REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)

Votes: 172

50% of Voting: 86

PERSIAN BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY BALLOT
For the Term January 1, 2015 – April 30, 2017

Ballot for the Election of

PERSIAN

Breed Council Secretary

For the Term January 1, 2015 – April 30, 2017

- 93 Carissa Altschul
Joshua, Texas
- 79 Hope Gonano
Port Orange, Florida
- 7 Abstain

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