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## The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. 2015 BREED COUNCIL POLL

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### MAINE COON

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Breed Council Secretary: Trudie Allen – Fort Collins, CO

Total Members: 111

Ballots Received: 85

- 1. PROPOSED:** Remove the word “And” and replace it with the ampersand “&” in the following Maine Coon Cat “And White” colors: Silver Patched Tabby And White, Patched Tabby And White, Black And White, Blue And White, Red And White, Cream And White, Tortoiseshell And White, Blue Cream And White. This in no way changes the meaning of these color descriptions; it is for consistency purposes only in the Maine Coon Cat standard.

#### Current:

#### Silver Patched Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

**SILVER PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE** (classic, mackerel, ticked): color as described for silver patched tabby (torbie) with or without white on face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four feet.

#### All Other Tabby & White Colors Color Class (including Vans)

**PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE** (torbie with white): color as described for patched tabby (torbie) with or without white on face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws. Colors accepted are blue patched or blue-silver patched.

#### Bi-Color Color Class (including Vans)

**BLACK AND WHITE:** a combination of black and white, with or without white on face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

**BLUE AND WHITE:** a combination of blue and white, with or without white on face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

**RED AND WHITE:** a combination of red and white, with or without white on face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

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**CREAM AND WHITE:** a combination of cream and white, with or without white on face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

### **Parti-Color & White Color Class**

**TORTOISESHELL AND WHITE:** color as defined for tortoiseshell with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

**BLUE-CREAM AND WHITE:** color as defined for blue-cream with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

### **Proposed:**

#### **Silver Patched Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)**

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**RATIONALE:** This is not a change of meaning in the Maine Coon Cat standard – it is truly a housekeeping change to make our standard consistent in how we identify the “And White” or “& white” cats. Currently the majority of our colors use the ampersand (& White) instead of the word “and” in the color descriptions. Changing these few “And White” color descriptions to read “& White” will provide consistency.

YES: 80

NO: 5

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 85

60% of Voting: 51

- 2. PROPOSED: Part one:** Add the accepted tabby pattern “ticked” to the patterns that are listed in parenthesis in the first line of the Blue-Silver Patched Tabby and the Blue Patched Tabby descriptions in the All Other Tabby Colors Class section of the Maine Coon Cat Standard. **Part two:** Remove the phrase “torbie with white” on the first line of the Patched Tabby And White color description in the All Other Tabby & White Colors section of the Maine Coon Cat Standard. Add the three accepted tabby patterns “classic, mackerel, ticked” inside the parenthesis.

**Current:**

**All Other Tabby Colors Class**

**BLUE-SILVER PATCHED TABBY** (classic, mackerel): ground color pale, clear silver. Markings a deep blue with patches of cream. Undercoat white. White trim around lip and chin allowed. **Nose leather:** old rose desirable. **Paw pads:** rose and/or pink desirable.

**BLUE PATCHED TABBY** (classic, mackerel): ground color pale bluish Ivory. Markings a very deep blue with patches of cream. Warm fawn overtones or patina over the whole. White trim around lip and chin allowed. **Nose leather:** old rose desirable. **Paw pads:** rose and/or pink desirable.

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**RATIONALE:** This is a correction. These changes were approved for Patched Tabby on the 2013 ballot. Due to the timing (*Patched Tabby changes accepted in Feb 2014, changes in effect May 2014. Ticked Tabby changes accepted October 2014, changes in effect May 2015*), changes to these 3 color descriptions did not occur. Approving these changes now will make these three color class descriptions consistent with all other Tabby color class descriptions in the Maine Coon Cat Standard.

YES: 73

NO: 12

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 85

60% of Voting: 51

3. **PROPOSED:** Remove Ticked Tabby and Ticked Tabby & White Maine Coon Cats from the AOV classes and accept them for full championship competition in all the accepted Maine Coon Cat Tabby and Tabby & White color classes. The Ticked Tabby pattern description is already accepted within the Maine Coon Cat standard and ticked is identified as a pattern within the accepted Maine Coon Cat Tabby Colors and Maine Coon Cat Tabby & White colors.

**Current:**

**AOV Colors**

**TICKED TABBY** (all accepted Maine Coon Cat Tabby colors): A ticked tabby cat shows pronounced ticking on body and when viewed from above will show darkening at the dorsal crest but will otherwise be free from pattern or any noticeable spots, stripes or blotches. Body hairs will be ticked with various shades of marking color and ground color. The Ticked Tabby Maine Coon Cat will show full tabby markings on face and legs and lighter underside may also show tabby markings.

**TICKED TABBY & WHITE** (all accepted Maine Coon Cat Tabby colors): The colored portions of the cat to conform to the currently established tabby color standards as defined for ticked tabby with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws; includes all expressions of the white spotting gene from low-white to van patterns.

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White on undersides may be broken by color. Excepting those exhibiting characteristics specifically listed as a disqualifying feature.

**Maine Coon Color Class Numbers**

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**AOV**.....1798      1799  
*Ticked Tabby (all accepted Maine Coon Cat Tabby colors); Ticked Tabby & White (all accepted Maine Coon Cat Tabby colors)*

**Proposed:**

**AOV Colors**

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**None.**

**Maine Coon Color Class Numbers**

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**AOV**.....1798      1799  
*Ticked Tabby (all accepted Maine Coon Cat Tabby colors); Ticked Tabby & White (all accepted Maine Coon Cat Tabby colors)*  
*None.*

**RATIONALE:** The Ticked Tabby pattern description is currently an accepted part of the Maine Coon Cat standard; however, cats with this pattern are restricted to AOV class. Maine Coon Cats with the Ticked Tabby pattern are a natural occurrence in the breed. From the Maine Coon Cat’s acceptance in CFA in 1975 until 1997 Ticked Tabby was **not** considered a disqualifying trait and cats with this pattern were registered and sometimes shown. The

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ticked pattern was re-accepted by our breed council on the 2013 ballot. Their acceptance on the show bench was delayed until May 2015. In the short time since their acceptance in the AOV class Ticked Tabby and Ticked Tabby & White Maine Coon Cats in various tabby colors have been shown and have proven themselves to be good examples of the Maine Coon Cat breed. Allowing Ticked Tabby and Ticked Tabby & White Maine Coon Cats full competition status will further encourage breeders with Ticked Tabby patterned cats to register and compete in CFA. It is time we recognize these Maine Coon Cats as competitive members of the breed!

YES: 65

NO: 16

ABSTAIN: 4

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 81

60% of Voting: 49

4. **PROPOSED:** Remove the second sentence in the current wording of Eye Color in the Maine Coon Cat Colors section, “Blue-eyes or odd-eyes are also allowed for white or bicolor (including vans) patterned cats”. Add the sentence, “White cats and all cats with white may have blue-eyes or odd-eyes”.

**Current:**

**MAINE COON CAT COLORS**

**EYE COLOR:** eye color can be shades of green, gold, green-gold or copper. Blue-eyes or odd-eyes are also allowed for white or bicolor (including vans) patterned cats.

**Proposed:**

**MAINE COON CAT COLORS**

**EYE COLOR:** eye color should be shades of green, gold, green-gold or copper. ~~Blue-eyes or odd-eyes are also allowed for white or bicolor (including vans) patterned cats.~~ White cats and all cats with white may have blue or odd eyes.

**RATIONALE:** The eye color section in our standard is unclear. We have been asked to clarify that section. Currently our standard allows **some with white cats** to have blue or odd-eyes, but there is confusion regarding which **with white cats** with blue or odd-eyes are accepted on the show bench. The primary question has been regarding the allowance of “tabby & white” cats with blue or odd-eyes. Voting yes on this question will allow **ALL** “& white” cats with blue or odd-eyes to compete, including “tabby & white” cats. This will bring much needed clarity to the eye color section of our standard.

YES: 68

NO: 16

ABSTAIN: 1

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 84

60% of Voting: 51

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5. **PROPOSED: Only if Question #4 fails**, consider the following option. Remove the second sentence in the current wording of Eye Color in the Maine Coon Cat Colors, “Blue-eyes or odd-eyes are also allowed for white or bicolor (including vans) patterned cats”. Add the sentence, “White cats and all cats with white, with the exception of “Tabby & White” cats, may have blue-eyes or odd eyes.

**Current:**

#### **MAINE COON CAT COLORS**

**EYE COLOR:** eye color can be shades of green, gold, green-gold or copper. Blue-eyes or odd-eyes are also allowed for white or bicolor (including vans) patterned cats.

**Proposed:**

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YES: 44

NO: 35

ABSTAIN: 6

#### **STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 79

60% of Voting: 48

6. **This question is for information purposes only!** At the July 2015 Board Meeting a dialogue between the CFA Board of Directors and the Breed Council Secretaries concerning “divisions” within certain breeds was initiated. Some board members expressed a willingness to work on the topic of divisions (similar to the Persian divisions) based on numbers within specific breeds. I would like to get input from our Breed Council members regarding your level of interest in pursuing divisions for Maine Coon Cats.

NO INTEREST: 34

MODERATE INTEREST: 25

STRONG INTEREST: 26

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