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The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. 2016 BREED COUNCIL POLL

EXOTIC

Re-Elected Breed Council Secretary: Penni Richter – Pasco, WA

Total Members: 83

Ballots Received: 63

- 1. PROPOSED (from the Persian Breed Council Poll):** Prohibit the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian Color Classes effective May 1, 2018.

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 30.01 of the Show Rules, and the Exotic Rules of Registration will be addressed by the Exotic BC):

- Revise Show Rule 6.08 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),~~ 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 30.01 of the Show Rules effective May 1, 2018 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 longhair Exotics shown in Persian color classes will count towards longhair Exotic breed and color class wins, not towards Persian wins.~~

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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 beginning the 2018-2019 show season.

PERSIAN BREED COUNCIL RATIONALE: *This same question was on the Persian and Exotic Breed Council ballots in 2013, 2014, and 2015. It was passed by 69% of the Persian Breed Council membership (93/138) in 2013, 64% in 2014 (114/179), and 65% in 2015 (104/158). Additionally, proposals to exhibit the LH Exotics as Persians repeatedly failed the Persian BC for many years prior to the show rule change in 2008. 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. It should be noted that Persian breeding programs do not produce Longhair Exotics; these are produced from Exotic breeding programs, so it is only reasonable and logical that a place should be found for them on the show bench within the Exotic breed.*

In February 2013, the Board approved a compromise allowing pointed Orientals in Colorpoint Shorthair and Balinese colors to be shown in Shorthair and Longhair Pointed color classes 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 classes separate from the parent breed (Persian).

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.

Furthermore, it is simply not appropriate to use a show rule to determine the championship status of a portion of a breed. Show rules are not meant to have an impact on one breed or another; they should be universally applicable to all breeds. Issues involving breeds must be appropriately delegated to the breeds affected for resolution. The BOD choosing to use their power over the show rules to attempt to end the issue between the Exotic and Persian BC’s has actually lead to more strife than previously existed. While the Breed Councils are designed to be advisory to the BOD, there is a matter of respect that should be accorded to CFA’s oldest and most dominant breed.

The Persian BC respectfully and earnestly asks the members of both the Persian and Exotic BC’s vote YES on this proposal. It sets a date of May of 2018 for removal of the Longhair Exotics from the Persian breed classes, which gives the Exotic BC a year to determine how to find a place for cats created by their own breeding programs. The Persian BC would also like to remind the Exotic BC that they rely on the Persians without Exotic ancestry for their own breeding programs. It is in the best interest of the Exotic BC to help preserve the integrity of the Persian by keeping it separate from the Exotic.

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*This proposal does not suggest where the Longhair Exotics (*or cats of Exotic ancestry*) should be shown apart from not within the Persian breed. These leaves the determination of how they should be shown outside of the Persian breed to the Exotic BC and the CFA Board of Directors.*

EXOTIC BREED COUNCIL RATIONALE: As noted in the Persian Breed Council Rationale above, a similar question has been on both the Persian and Exotic ballots for the past few years. The proposal consistently fails on the Exotic ballot and passes on the Persian ballot. As a result, we have been at an impasse for the past few years and continue to show Longhair Exotics in accordance with the original compromise.

Here is a little history of the issue. For the 2008 February Board Meeting the Exotic Breed Council balloted and passed a proposal to create a Longhair Division of the Exotic Breed. At that meeting, the Board discussed implementation of the proposed Longhair Division. As the Persian was an affected breed and the proposal was **strongly** opposed by the Persian Breed Council, the Exotic proposal was not considered by the Board. Also at that Board meeting, the Board discussed having the two breed councils come up with a compromise to allow the showing of Longhair Exotics that would not create a “mimic” on the show bench.

At the Annual Meeting in June of 2008, representatives from both breed councils did meet and a compromise was reached that respected the two strongest wishes of each Breed Council. Two “lines in the sand” were stated: The Exotic Breed Council wanted to show Longhair Exotics in championship competition and the Persian Breed Council did not want Longhair Exotics registered as Persians. There was also an agreed-to prohibition of registering kittens produced by Longhair Exotic x Longhair Exotic and Longhair Exotic x Persian. Both Breed Councils balloted this proposal and the Board approved the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian classes at the February 2009 meeting. Note that Longhair Exotics do not earn breed or color awards as Persians, but as Longhair Exotics.

And, yes, there was a reversal of the prohibition of breeding Longhair Exotic x Longhair Exotic and Persian x Longhair Exotic in 2012. That proposal was **NOT** initiated by the Exotic Breed Council, but was requested by the Board. That reversal was balloted by both Breed Councils, passed both Breed Councils, and the Board approved removing the prohibition at the February 2012 Board Meeting.

Now, here we are again debating the removal of Longhair Exotics from Persian classes. As the Exotic Breed Council realizes that it cannot expect the Persian Breed Council to approve registering Longhair Exotic kittens as Persians (as is done in other registries), the Exotic Breed Council is not in favor of altering the current compromise at this time.

NOTE: This is not an either/or proposal with Questions 2 & 3. Each is a separate question and should be answered independently of Questions 2 & 3.

Do you support the Persian Breed Council request to remove Longhair Exotics from Persian Classes?

YES: 6

NO: 57

ABSTAIN: 0

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REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)

Votes: 63
> 50% of Voting: 32

2. **PROPOSED (from Persian Breed Council Poll):** Reinstate the original compromise between the Exotic and Persian Breed Councils and forbid registration of litters born between Longhair Exotic X Longhair Exotic, beginning in the 2017-2018 show season.

PERSIAN BREED COUNCIL RATIONALE: *There is no reason to be breeding Longhair Exotics to other Longhair Exotics. Longhair Exotics are produced as a by-product by Exotic Shorthair breeding programs. The Exotic Breed Council wanted to show these cats for titles in order to improve their pedigrees; thus they should only be used in Exotic Shorthair breeding programs. It is the belief of the Persian Breed Council that if a breeder wishes to have a breeding program of cats that look like Persians, they should be breeding CFA registered Persians. Allowing such breeding encourages the creation of mimic, hybrid breeding programs and sets the stage for conflict. It would be better to be clear that the creation of mimic breeding programs is not allowed.*

EXOTIC BREED COUNCIL RATIONALE: The original restriction against registering kittens from Longhair Exotic x Longhair Exotic was put into place in 2009 as a part of a Persian/Exotic compromise that allows the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian classes. In 2012, at the request of the CFA Board, ballot items were placed on both the Exotic and Persian ballots to remove the prohibition and allow kittens from these crosses to be registered again. This Board request was made to assist in the expansion of CFA outside of North America. The ballot items to remove the registration prohibition passed both breed councils and it again became possible to register these kittens. While the Exotic Breed Council understands that there was a compromise component in place that was reversed, we also understood the problem with incoming catteries not being able to register their cats in CFA. This will not change as long as CFA does not recognize Exotic Longhairs as Persians. Having said that, we are not necessarily in disagreement with this proposal...but it will stop some breeders from being able to move into CFA.

NOTE: This is not an either/or proposal with Questions 1 & 3. Each is a separate question and should be answered independently of Questions 1 & 3.

Do you support the Persian Breed Council request to prohibit the registration of kittens resulting from breeding Longhair Exotic x Longhair Exotic?

YES: 7

NO: 56

ABSTAIN: 0

REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)

Votes: 63
> 50% of Voting: 32

3. **PROPOSED (from the Persian Breed Council Poll):** Reinstate the original compromise between the Exotic and Persian Breed Councils and forbid registration of litters born between Persian X Longhair Exotic, beginning in the 2017-2018 show season.

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NOTE: This is not an either/or proposal with Questions 1 & 2. Each is a separate question and should be answered independently of Questions 1 & 2.

Do you support the Persian Breed Council request to prohibit the registration of kittens resulting from breeding Persian x Longhair Exotic?

YES: 8

NO: 55

ABSTAIN: 0

REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)

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For the Term May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2019

Ballot for the Election of

EXOTIC

Breed Council Secretary

For the Term May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2019

- 57 Penni Richter
Pasco, Washington
- 6 Abstain

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