

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.  
**2017 BREED COUNCIL POLL**

[NOTE: "No action taken" indicates that a breed standard proposal did not meet or exceed a 60% favorable vote from the voting members (i.e., no rounding down).]

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**AMERICAN CURL**

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Breed Council Secretary: Michael Bull – Murrietta, CA  
Total Members: 8  
Ballots Received: 6

1. **PROPOSED:** Delete words "as listed" for color of both longhair and shorthair descriptions.

**Current:**

COAT & COLOR: **Longhair Division:** **Texture:** fine, silky, laying flat. **Undercoat:** minimal. **Coat length:** semi-long. **Tail coat:** full and plumed. **Color:** all colors accepted as listed. **Shorthair Division:** **Texture:** soft, silky, laying flat, resilient without a plush dense feel. **Undercoat:** minimal. **Coat length:** short. **Tail coat:** same length as body coat. **Color:** all colors accepted as listed.

**Proposed:**

COAT & COLOR: **Longhair Division:** **Texture:** fine, silky, laying flat. **Undercoat:** minimal. **Coat length:** semi-long. **Tail coat:** full and plumed. **Color:** all colors and patterns accepted ~~as listed~~. **Shorthair Division:** **Texture:** soft, silky, laying flat, resilient without a plush dense feel. **Undercoat:** minimal. **Coat length:** short. **Tail coat:** same length as body coat. **Color:** all colors and patterns ~~accepted as listed~~.

**RATIONALE:** When the founders of the breed originally wrote the American Curl Standard, they allotted the least value possible to the color, and no value (0 points) to pattern. The focus for the American Curl was then – and should still be today – on structure, rather than "Coat and Color." The color does need to be correct, however, because of the wide variety of domestic outcross genetics in the American Curl bloodlines, any accepted color description should be accepted. The result of this small, but significant discrepancy in the wording of the current American Curl Standard is that judges have chosen not to hang ribbons on a cat that is a color not specifically listed in the American Curl Standard and breeders have had problems registering a cat with a color also not included in the American Curl Standard. All CFA recognized colors/patterns should be accepted for this breed.

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 6

60% of Voting: 4

**2. PROPOSED:** Modify the wording for OACC (Other American Curl Colors) to make it abundantly clear that any color/pattern combination is allowed in the breed.

**Current:**

**OACC** (Other American Curl Colors): all accepted pointed colors with white. Any other color or pattern.

**Proposed:**

**OACC** (Other American Curl Colors): ~~all accepted pointed colors with white. Any other color or pattern.~~ Any other genetically possible color or pattern.

**RATIONALE:** This change will make it clear that the focus of the breed is on structure, not color or pattern, and that all colors and patterns are allowed.

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**STANDARD CHANGE (passes)**

Votes: 6

60% of Voting: 4