
PERSIAN – GENERAL

Breed Council Secretary: Carissa Altschul – Joshua, TX
Total Members: 221
Ballots Received: 146

1. **PROPOSED:** Prohibit the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian Color Classes effective May 1, 2019.

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):

- a. 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.
- b. Revise Article XXXII, Rule 30.01 of the Show Rules effective May 1, 2019 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).

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(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.~~

- 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 2019-2020 show season.

RATIONALE: This same question was on the Persian and Exotic Breed Council ballots in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016. It has passed the Persian Breed Council by over 60% each of these years. 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 or as their own breed if the Exotic BC cannot agree to create a division for cats of their own breeding.

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 outside of 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, as well as CFA's largest Breed Council.

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 2019 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.

This proposal does not suggest where the Longhair Exotics (*or cats of Exotic ancestry*) should be shown apart from not within the Persian breed, as was recommend by the CFA Board of Directors in February of 2015. 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.

YES: 91

NO: 53

ABSTAIN: 2

ADVISORY (SHOW RULE) (passes)

Votes: 144

60% of Voting: 87