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The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. 2012 BREED COUNCIL POLL

RAGAMUFFIN

Breed Committee Chair – Laura Gregory, Lutz FL

Total Members: 9

Ballots Received: 7

- 1. PROPOSED:** Change eye color under EYES section for sepia pattern cats to match individual color descriptions, as follows:

EYES: large, walnut shaped and expressive, moderately wide set, the eyes contribute to the characteristic sweet look. A slight oriental slant to the eye is acceptable. The more intense the eye color, the better. All eye colors are allowed, including odd-eyed. Exception: mink colors must be aqua and sepia colors must be ~~yellow to gold~~ yellow/gold to green.

RATIONALE: Housekeeping – this was changed in all individual colors last year [see page 9 of Ragamuffin standard], but not in the overall description. This change brings this in line with all the individual descriptions and our original intention.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 7

60% of Voting: 5

YES: 7

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

- 2. PROPOSED:** Re-distribute points allocations for the HEAD section.

Current:

POINT SCORE

HEAD (45)

Shape..... 10

Profile..... 5

Muzzle..... 5

Sweet expression..... 5

Ears 5

Eyes..... 15

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POINT SCORE

HEAD (45)

Shape.....	10
Profile.....	5
Muzzle.....	5 <u>10</u>
Sweet expression.....	5
Ears	5
Eyes.....	15 <u>10</u>

RATIONALE: While the eyes contribute greatly to the overall look of the RagaMuffin, the muzzle has also been identified as a unique and distinct feature of this breed. Thus, this distribution helps equal out the points a bit more between these two distinct features, while still allowing them to both be emphasized in the breed.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 7

60% of Voting: 5

YES: 7

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

3. PROPOSED: Edit the GENERAL section in reference to overall size.

Current:

GENERAL: the overall impression of the RagaMuffin should be one of sweetness and robust health. They are a large cat with substantial bone structures and full bodies. The large, expressive eyes strongly contribute to the overall sweet look. The only extremes in this cat are large size, large expressive eyes and docile nature. RagaMuffin females are generally considerably smaller than males, both being muscular, and heavy with a tendency toward a fatty pad on the lower abdomen. RagaMuffins attain full maturity at approximately four years of age. The cat should have an overall balance, with quality and conformation given preference over size. A RagaMuffin is people loving and affectionate – a large, cuddly, feline teddy bear.

Proposed:

GENERAL: the overall impression of the RagaMuffin should be one of sweetness and robust health. They are a medium to large cat with substantial bone structures and full bodies. The large, expressive eyes strongly contribute to the overall sweet look. The only extremes in this cat are ~~large size,~~ the large expressive eyes and docile nature. RagaMuffin females are generally considerably smaller than males, both being muscular, and heavy with a tendency toward a fatty pad on the lower abdomen. RagaMuffins attain full maturity at approximately four years of age. The cat should have an overall balance, with quality and conformation given preference over size. A RagaMuffin is people loving and affectionate – a ~~large~~ cuddly, feline teddy bear.

RATIONALE: The RagaMuffin is a heavy boned and heavy cat, but in comparing the cat to other breeds in the CFA (especially noting the Maine Coon Cat), we realize we are not a “large” breed. Even the Maine Coon Cat calls for a cat who is medium to large in body size. The RagaMuffin is certainly not as large as a Maine Coon Cat. The words “large” are really only mentioned in the general description, not in the body section – but it gives an impression of the cat being bigger than it really is.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 7

60% of Voting: 5

YES: 7

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

4. PROPOSED: Edit the HEAD section to clarify shape and muzzle.

Current:

HEAD: the head is a broad modified wedge with a rounded appearance. The forehead should be moderately rounded. Muzzle is round, slightly shorter than moderate in length, tending to broadness. The chin is firmly rounded, reflecting a proper bite. There is puffiness to the whisker pad, which results in the characteristic “sweet look” of the RagaMuffin. Cheeks are full. In profile, there is an obvious nose dip, giving the impression of a scoop rather than a break. Neck is short, heavy and strong, particularly in older males. An allowance is made for jowliness in mature adult males.

Proposed:

HEAD: the head is a broad modified wedge with a pleasingly rounded appearance, with no obvious flat planes. The forehead and tophead should be moderately rounded. Muzzle is short and rounded, ~~slightly shorter than moderate in length~~, tending to broadness. The chin is firmly rounded, reflecting a proper bite. There is puffiness to the whisker pad, which results in the characteristic “sweet look” of the RagaMuffin. Cheeks are full. In profile, there is an obvious nose dip, giving the impression of a scoop rather than a break. Neck is short, heavy and strong, particularly in older males. An allowance is made for jowliness in mature adult males.

RATIONALE: This further enhances that we desire a rounded appearance without flat planes on the head. Our muzzle has always been shorter than moderate, which is in reality – short. So this will change it to say simply ‘short’. Using the terms ‘rounded’ so again it is slight, not heavily domed, simply not flat. A nice moderation, as this cat is known for.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 7

60% of Voting: 5

YES: 5

NO: 2

ABSTAIN: 0

5. PROPOSED: Edit the Disqualify section.

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Current:

DISQUALIFY: poor health or condition, crossed eyes, tail kink, polydactyl or pointed colors. Short hair on the body and/or tail, giving the impression of a short-haired cat.

Proposed:

DISQUALIFY: poor health or condition, crossed eyes, tail ~~kink~~ fault, polydactyl or pointed colors. Short hair on the body and/or tail, giving the impression of a short-haired cat.

RATIONALE: It has been discussed to simply re-word this section from a kink to a fault. We do not want to encourage breeding of cats with a tail fault.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 7

60% of Voting: 5

YES: 6

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

- 6. PROPOSED:** Change the order of the RagaMuffin Colors section. Move Mink & Sepia color descriptions before the Bi-Colors, as they have descriptions that do not contain white and reference colors within the Mink/Sepia Bicolor descriptions. (No changes are being made to individual colors/descriptions. These two sections simply need a housekeeping move in order to be before the Bi-Colors descriptions.)

Current:

Ragamuffin Colors

SOLID COLORS

(All solid colors may be combined with bicolor patterns)

...

SHADED COLORS

(All shaded colors may be combined with red in dominate colors and cream in recessive colors and white)

...

SMOKE & SHADED COLORS

(All smoke & shaded colors may be combined with tortoiseshell and bi-color patterns)

...

TABBY COLORS/PATTERNS

(All Tabby patterns may be combined with mink colors, sepia colors and all colors/patterns may be combined with white)

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PARTI COLORS

(All parti-colors may be combined with bi-color patterns)

...

CALICO AND BICOLOR COLORS

Solid & White/Van

...

MINK & SEPIA

(All Mink and Sepia colors may be combined with red in dominant colors and cream in recessive colors, smoke, shaded, bicolor, and tabby patterns)

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Proposed:

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CALICO AND BICOLOR COLORS

Solid & White/Van

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RATIONALE: The order is incorrect. Presently, all basic color descriptions are fully defined with the first appearance of that color in the standard. For instance, black is defined in Solid Colors; the bi-color description of black & white incorporates the definition of black by reference, rather than restating it. However, the Mink and Sepia descriptions currently appear in full after the bi-colors. Placing those descriptions before the bi-color descriptions will improve the flow and clarity of our standard.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 7

60% of Voting: 5

YES: 7

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

7. PROPOSED: ADD RagaMuffin Color Classes.

Current:

All Championship Colors 9800 9801
*(All accepted colors as defined in the Show Standards
and Any Other RagaMuffin Colors)*
AOVNone None

Proposed:

Solid Colors..... 9800 9801
*(White, Black, Blue, Red, Cream, Chocolate,
Lilac, Cinnamon, Fawn)*

Shaded Colors..... 9830 9831
*(all established colors and patterns for
shaded colors)*

Smoke Colors..... 9834 9835
*(all established colors and patterns for
smoke colors)*

Parti Colors..... -- 9847
*(Tortoiseshell, Blue cream, Chocolate
Tortoiseshell, Lilac Cream, Cinnamon
Tortoiseshell, Fawn Cream)*

Tabby Colors..... 9844 9845
*(classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked)
(all established colors and patterns for
tabby colors)*

Mink Colors..... 9850 9851

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(all established colors and patterns for mink colors)

Sepia Colors.....

(all established colors and patterns for sepia colors)

Solid & White Colors..... 9880 9881

(all established colors and patterns for solid colors with the addition of white/van)

Shaded & White Colors..... 9832 9833

(all established colors and patterns for shaded colors with the addition of white/van)

Smoke & White Colors..... 9886 9887

(all established colors and patterns for smoke colors with the addition of white/van)

Parti-Color & White/Calico Colors..... 9888 9889

(Calico, Dilute Calico & all established colors and patterns for parti-colors with the addition of white/van)

Tabby & White Colors 9882 9883

(all established colors and patterns for tabby colors with the addition of white/van)

Mink & White Colors 9854 9855

(all established colors and patterns for mink colors with the addition of white/van)

Sepia & White Colors

(all established colors and patterns for sepia colors with the addition of white/van)

RATIONALE: The RagaMuffin breed shows a large number of cats in a possible combination of over 3000 colors. These color breakdowns are the present breakdowns (with the exception of the separation of sepia) that the Central Office presently uses to register our cats, and has used for several years. Our breed has seen shows with large entry counts and believes that we warrant color class breakdown to both ease judging and create some divisions within the breed. While not all divisions presently will show large numbers, we would greatly prefer to break the cats out evenly and with a clear, distinct long-range plan, rather than to go with the ebb and flow of individual colors year after year. We propose this as a long-range and rather permanent breakdown, given that there is no need to further break colors down individually. This is a logical grouping of overall patterns when a breed comes in this many distinct colors. Doing this now would keep the breed from continually revisiting changes as each individual color grouping shows cats and creates constant changes. This also creates issues as we see in present breeds, where colors showed the numbers in the past and then faded off. By grouping once in an overall logical major pattern grouping, this again gives one long-range plan.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 7
60% of Voting: 5

YES: 6

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

[if proposal #7 fails]

8. PROPOSED: ADD RagaMuffin Color Classes.

Current:

All Championship Colors 9800 9801
*(All accepted colors as defined in the Show Standards
and Any Other RagaMuffin Colors)*
AOVNone None

Proposed:

Tabby & White Colors 9882 9883

*(all established colors and patterns for
tabby colors with the addition of white/van)*

All Mink & Sepia Colors

*(all established colors and patterns for mink
and/or sepia color/patterns with or without
the addition of white/van)*

All Other Bi-Color Colors

*(all established Solid & White, Shaded &
White, Smoke & White, Parti-Color &
White, and Calico colors)*

All Other RagaMuffin Colors

*(all Solid Colors, Shaded Colors, Smoke
Colors, Parti Colors, Tabby Colors and
ORMC)*

RATIONALE: Discussion was had at the June 2012 Annual Meeting between the Board and the Breed Council Secretaries to use a number somewhere around 20 to determine approval for a color class. Based upon this discussion, these color classes meet this criteria. If the above logical breakdown of general descriptions is not approved, then we ask that these minimum breakdowns be approved. Most of the cats shown in our first year are listed below: (I was unable to get a full listing that included all the cats who did not score actual points in rings, but were present and shown – so some additional cats were shown beyond what are listed here.) These are individual/unique cats, each counted only once while many were shown multiple times. Again, as mentioned above, we have shows with large numbers of cats present and we would like to have these color classes – the numbers listed below from the last show season certainly warrant these color classes, based upon the criteria we discussed at the June 2012 Annual Meeting between the Board and the Breed Council Secretaries. Thank you.

Tabby & White Colors: 25 individual examples

98832-1442813 GC Ragtime Cats Classy Lassy – Golden Tabby & White
9882-1529325 CH Ragtime Cats Howling Tiger – Brown Tabby & White Van
9882-1632838 CH Encore Too Butch Katsidy – Red Mctabby & White
9882-1522454 CH Ragtime Cats Worth the Wait – Red Mctabby & white
9885-1696780 CH Ragtime Our Miss Diva – Brown Patched Mctabby & white
9882-1724162 GC Kaerik Canterbury Nougat – Silver tabby & white
9882-1692789 CH Ultimaterags Marky Mark – Brown Mctabby & white
9883-1442809 CH Ragtime Cats Tres Diva of Mufnhugs – Brown patched mctabby & white
9885-1711708 CH Luvnmuffin Little Faith – Brown patched tabby & white
9883-1696784 CH Ragtime cats Glory Glory Hallelujah – Red tabby & white
9885-1567472 CR Muffins Painted Lady – Brown Patched mctabby & white
9885-1598861 Rivndellrags Patches of Joy – Brown Patched Mctabby & white
9882-1692106 Muffinfantasy ChewE.Bacca – Red mctabby & white
9883-1536992 Ragtime Cats Blazing Inferno – Red tabby & white
9882-1714859 Ch Keepsake S Sultan Sharid-of-Arizona – Cream mctabby & white
9885-1731973 CH Encore Too Lucille Ball – Brown patched mctabby & white
9882-1700215 GW Muffin Dash of Imperialrags – Brown mctabby & white
9883-1720544 Imperialrags Dash's Darling – Brown tabby & white
9882-1618287 GP Ragtime Cats Fire Me Up – Red Mctabby & white
9883-1665690 PR Ragtime cats Sweet-N-Sassy – Red Mctabby & White
9882-1566094 PR Ragtime cats Watch that Codycat – Brown mctabby & white
Velvetmuffin Giovanna – Silver mctabby & white female kitten shown 11/19-20/11
(#pending)
9882-1748138 Ragtime cats Red Cypress – red mctabby & white
9883-1745901 Ragtime cats Magnolia Blossom – Brown tabby & white van
9885-1747483 Martysmuffins Miss Blueberry Cupcake – Blue Patched Tabby & white

All Mink & Sepia Colors 20 individual examples

9855-1573056 GC BW Ragtime Cats Minky's QT Pie – Natural Mink Tortie & White
9832-1712627 GC Serenitycats Kota of Imperialrags – Sable Sepia Shaded & White
9885-1711709 CH Luvnmuffin Kalista – Natural Mink Patched Tabby & White
9885-1564174 CH Luvnmuffin Phoeve of Ultimaterags – Sable Sepia Patch mctabby/white
9882-1712626 CH Serenitycats liam – Sable Sepia Silver mctabby & white
9885-1731975 CH Encore Too Patty Cake – Sable Sepia Patched Mctabby & white
9833-1712625 CH Serenitycats Angelica – Sable Sepia shaded silver & white
9885-1731977 – CH Encore Too P Too – Sable Sepia Shaded Silver Patched Tabby & White
9855-1736049 Encore Too Runaround sue – Natural Mink Tortie & White
9889-1724337 Serenitycats Shiloh Neschume – Sable Sepia Tortie & White
9889-1712609 GP Serenitycats Chantilly Lace – Natural Mink Tortie & White
9854-1723222 PR Keepsake S Sir Robin Bogarthe VK – Blue Mink & White
9854-1713244 PR Keepsake Captain Midnight Mcintosh – Natural Mink & White
9854-1615003 Ragtime Cats Tanner in Moonlight – Natural Mink & White
9854-1748878 CH Luvnmuffin Don Juan Junior-Sable Sepia & White
9845-1680514 Rivndellrags Sissy Classic rose – Natural Mink Mctabby

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(#pending) -Kitten shown 11/5-6 and 11/19/20/11 – Krackenkatz Abelnwillen – Natural Mink Tabby

9850-1736050 CH Encore Too Raisn Caine – Sable Sepia Mctabby

9801-1734567 Kyra Lee of Kaerik – Sable Sepia

9800-1713245 PR Keepsake S Tobias of Keepsake S – Sable sepia

All Other Bicolors – 21 individual examples

9880-1585011 GP Ragtime Cats Blueberries & Cream - Blue & White

9881-1585015 GP Ragtime Cats She-Elby - Black & White

9881-1692105 MufnFantasy Maxine – Black & White

9844-1724971 Rivndellrags D'Artagnan – Black & White

9881-1692109 Mufnfantasy Palgara-of-the-vale – Black & White

9880-1481953 PR Ragtime Cats I Wuv Bu Too – Black & White

9880-1615002 – PR Ragtime Cats Elbys Moonlight Pele – Black & white

9881-1724335 CH Serenity Sabirah of Keepsake

9832-1711340 - CH Encore Cats Diamond Jim - Shaded Silver & White

9889-1437975 GP RW Ragtime Cats Dazzling Autumn - Tortoiseshell & White

9889-1573055 Ragtime Cats Dillilutay of MufnHugs - Dilute calico

9889-1685973 GC Rivndellrags Pandora of Ragtime - Calico

9889-1692111 CH Mufnfantasy Morgan LeFey - Tortoiseshell & White

9889-1437558 GP Encore cats Allegra of Ragtime Cats - Tortoiseshell & White

9889-1524354 Ragtime Cats Technicolor Daydreams - Calico

9889-1564617 PR Ragtime Cats I Dream in Technicolor – Calico

9883-1724972 CH Rivndellrags Mika of Encore Too – Blue-cream & White

9887-1713115 GP GW Muffins Zoi Belle – Smoke Tortie & white

9889-1437975 PR Ragtime Cats Precious Tortay – Tortoiseshell & White

Rivndellrags Bandito of Encore Too – Black Smoke & white

9833-1736173 CHRivndellrags Silver Queen – Shaded Silver & white

All Other RagaMuffin Colors will encompass all our other cats at this time.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 7

60% of Voting: 5

YES: 7

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0