
DEVON REX

Breed Council Secretary: Linda Peterson – Clifton VA
Total Members: 29
Ballots Received: 12

1. The Sphynx Breed Council has proposed an outcross to the Devon Rex. Here is their proposal, followed by the question about whether to support an outcross.

PROPOSED: *Amend the reference information at the end of the Sphynx breed standard and rules for registration to add Devon Rex as an outcross breed until 2018, as follows:*

Sphynx Allowable Outcross Breeds: *American Shorthair, Devon Rex, Domestic Shorthair/Domestic Sphynx Outcross. Sphynx born on or after December 31, 2015-2018 may have only Sphynx parents.*

Sphynx Breed Council Rationale: It is vital that selective outcrossing be maintained to increase the Sphynx gene pool, and improve stamina and health. The Devon Rex gene and Sphynx Hairless gene are both recessive. However, the Sphynx Hairless gene is dominant to the Devon gene, meaning that if you have a cat with both the Sphynx Hairless gene and the Devon gene (i.e.; heterozygous Sphynx) the resulting cat will be hairless. Adding the Devon Rex as an allowable outcross would also bring CFA closer to other associations' registration rules regarding this breed. This might make it easier to register Sphynx cats from other associations, both as breeding cats and on the show bench. Additionally, having another pedigreed cat as an allowable outcross will enable breeders to research the pedigrees of both the American Shorthair and Devon Rex breeds for their breeding programs. This rule change may help to cut down disallowed cats being registered as "domestics" and used in outcross breeding of Sphynx.

Devon Rex BC Rationale: There was discussion on the Devon Rex BC yahoo groups list regarding this request and the majority of the BC members were in favor of this request. The Sphynx Breed Council is not asking for an indefinite outcross extension by setting a reasonable cut-off date at this time. Also, as a breed that utilizes outcrosses to maintain genetic diversity, I would suggest we support this request to assist one of our fellow CFA breeds.

Are you in favor of the outcross, as proposed by the Sphynx Breed Council?

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 11

50% of Voting: 6

YES: 10

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 1