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The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. 2017 AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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- 1 - Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, Article VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 2 – Elections, paragraphs a., e. and f, and Section 5 – Vacancies, as follows:

Section 2 – Elections

a. General. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Regional Directors shall be elected in even numbered years. The Directors-at-Large shall be elected in odd numbered years. The term of office for every position shall begin on the Sunday following the close of the Annual Meeting of the Association.

All elections shall be conducted by mail or electronic ballot, each eligible member club having one (1) vote. The candidate receiving the most votes for an office or regional directorship shall be deemed elected, regardless of the number of candidates running. Once elected, an officer or director shall serve for a term of two (2) years, or until his/her successor is elected and qualifies, except as provided for in paragraph f. of this Article.

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e. Election Procedure. On or before April 25 of each election year, the Central Office shall mail to all member clubs in good standing and eligible to vote, ballots listing all candidates for whom timely declarations were received. Central Office shall establish procedures, subject to approval by the Executive Board of Directors, for optional electronic voting which shall include securing, printing, and appropriately destroying electronic ballots. Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by June 1 of such year in order to be counted. ~~Said~~ Ballots returned by mail shall remain sealed until the Annual Meeting, at which time duly appointed inspectors will supervise the opening and counting of the ballots. Electronic ballots shall be individually printed by Central Office and brought to the Annual Meeting to be tabulated by the inspectors with the mailed ballots. Ballots that are illegible, incomplete or those containing write-in candidates shall be considered void. Ballots in elections for Directors-at-Large selecting less than seven (7) candidates (or less than all declared candidates if fewer than seven) shall be considered incomplete. Results shall be announced at the Annual Meeting as soon as the ballots have been tabulated. Ballots shall

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remain under the control of the inspectors until a motion to destroy the ballots is passed at which time the ballots shall be destroyed under the supervision of the inspectors. No person other than a duly appointed inspector shall have access to the ballots until after they are destroyed.

f. Tie-Vote Procedure. In the event of a tie vote in voting for any officer or Regional Directorship, or for the seventh position in Director-at-Large elections, a special ballot will be conducted as provided herein. No new candidates shall be eligible to run in the special election. Any club in good standing at the time the original election ballots were mailed shall be eligible to vote in the special election, whether or not it voted in the regular election. The Central Office shall mail special ballot forms to each eligible member club on or before July 15 of the election year and shall establish procedures for optional electronic voting as in e of this section. Returned ballots must be received by the Central Office by September 1 in order to be counted. The opening, inspection for regularity (legibility, completeness, write-in candidate disqualification, etc.), counting of the ballots and reporting of the election results shall be conducted under procedures specified by the Executive Board of Directors, with any seated Board member who is directly involved as a candidate in the tie vote being required to remove themselves from the determination of said procedure. In the event the special election also results in a tie-vote, the office in question shall be resolved by lot by the presiding Chairman of the Board.

If the balloting for one or more Regional Director results in a tie-vote, the presiding Chairman of the Board shall determine by lot, from among the tied candidates, which shall represent the affected region(s) from the time the tie-vote is declared until a winner is determined by the special mail ballot described above.

Section 5 – Vacancies

Should a vacancy occur for any reason in the office of any of the various Regional Directors and nine (9) months or more remain in the term of that office, the Central Office shall immediately notify member clubs in the specific region of the vacancy and call for declarations from candidates to be submitted to the office within thirty (30) days of said notice. Within ten (10) days after the closing date for the acceptance of declarations, the Central Office will mail ballots to eligible clubs in the region for voting year and shall establish procedures for optional electronic voting as in section 2e of this article. Eligibility for voting will be limited to those member clubs in good standing not less than fifty (50) days prior to the date of the mailing of the ballots. The closing date for the return of the special election ballots to the Central Office will be sixty (60) days after mailing from the Central Office—said date to be printed on the ballot. Dated postmark stamp (provided by a postal clerk) on either the ballot or on a separate paper enclosed in the mailing envelope or the date marking Central Office’s receipt of an electronic ballot will constitute PRIME FACIE evidence of the mailing date by the voting club.

RATIONALE: Every year at the annual meeting, we listen to a list of clubs whose ballots were thrown out for various reasons, like missing signatures, a missing club name, etc. An electronic ballot application could force every field to be filled in before a ballot is submitted resulting in fewer disqualified ballots. With electronic balloting, clubs outside the US would not have to worry about their ballot being delayed or lost in the mail. Clubs whose secretary and president live far apart would not have to mail ballots back and forth for signatures. Electronic voting would allow more votes to be counted and would make voting easier.

There are many ways to write an application for electronic voting. One method would be similar to entering a cat in show. The club secretary would vote by filling out an online form, and that vote would be recorded in a database. The club president would do the same. If the two votes match, and are received

from the appropriate email addresses for those club officers, then both would receive an email receipt of the vote. Or, the secretary would vote and a receipt would be emailed to the president's email address on record. There is no requirement in the constitution that both secretary and president must sign a ballot! But if the president is notified of how the secretary voted and there is some discrepancy, the president can challenge the vote. With either method, valid votes would then be retrieved from the database and printed by a person from Central Office. These printed ballots would be counted by the credentials committee with the mailed ballots. There are many possible ways to do this we have presented just a general scenario so that clubs can get some idea of how the electronic voting process would work. CO and the board would be responsible for establishing appropriate procedures and requirements, and write (or purchase) an appropriate web application.

By requiring CO to print each electronic ballot, the credentials committee still verifies all the ballots. Yes, this means a person from CO would see the electronic ballots before the credentials committee opens the mailed ballots at the annual. CO will establish procedures for securing the electronic ballots. If a club does not want a CO employee to see their vote or does not trust CO procedures to safeguard that club's vote, that club can mail the ballot. If a club is okay with CO's procedures, the club can use electronic voting. Electronic voting will be optional.

– 2 – Sanguine Silver Society, Damn Yankees Cat Club, Ohio State Persian Club, Felinus International, Paul Raines California Solid Color Cat Club, Osnaburg Shorthair Club, Thumbs Up Cat Fanciers, Exotic Breeders, Cats Incredible Inc, Feline Forum of Greater NY

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, Article XI – BREED COUNCIL, PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS as follows:

ARTICLE XI – BREED COUNCIL

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Members forward suggestions and opinions to the elected secretary of the specific breed council. The breed council secretary will evaluate these proposals and obtain the opinions of other members of the particular breed/division section. The weight of these opinions will form the basis for an annual poll taken prior to the Executive Board meeting in February when breed standard revisions are considered. In addition, if a member submits a proposal signed by 20% or more of the breed council members, it will be automatically included in the annual poll without approval by the breed council secretary.

RATIONALE: The current wording allows for the breed council secretary alone to decide if a proposal will be or will not be included in the annual poll. The breed council secretary may sometimes have a very strong, personal opinion about certain issues and could therefore be subjective about including or excluding some proposals that concern a significant part of the breed council. It is not fair that one person, elected or not, can decide which issues are important enough to be included in the annual poll. This constitutional amendment will assure that a fair democratic process will not be disturbed by any veto of the breed council secretary.

– 3 – Bougalie Rebels Cat Club; Cascade Cat Fanciers; Cenla Cat Fanciers; Cats of Wisconsin Cat Club; Domesti-Katz Cat Club; Friends & Family; Front Range Cat Fanciers; Gasparilla Feline Friends; Hugger Mugger Feline Society; Land of Oz Cat Club; Long and Short of It Cat Club; Magnolia State Cat Club; Mid South Cat Fanciers; Midlands Cat Fanciers; Penn-Jersey Cat Fanciers; Twin City Cat Fanciers; United Feline Odyssey

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, Article XI – BREED COUNCIL, next to last paragraph , as follows:

ARTICLE XI – BREED COUNCIL

Notwithstanding the fact that the Councils shall serve the Executive Board in an advisory capacity, the Executive Board shall not alter or amend any part of the standards or rules for registration for any breed, or add thereto, without first obtaining (within the prior 12 months) the approval of 60% of the members voting of the specific Breed Council(s) affected. An unmarked item on an otherwise valid breed council ballot is an abstention, and an abstention does not count as a member voting for purposes of calculating 60%.

RATIONALE: A breed is defined by its standard and its breed specific rules for registration. The Breed Councils should have oversight for their breed specific rules for registration just as they have oversight for their breed standards. The breed specific rules for registration include things such as allowable outcross breeds and pedigree requirements (e.g., 5-generation or 8-generation). The Executive Board should not be able to determine what can be registered as a member of a specific breed without the approval of the affected Breed Council.

PROPOSED SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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– 4 – Turkish Angora Fanciers, International; New England Meow Outfit

RESOLVED: Amend CFA Show Rules 2.04, 2.07c, 2.08, 2.23b, 6.11, 7.02, 7.10, 7.15e, 10.23c, 12.17, 12.19, 27.05c, 27.06, 28.04, as follows, in order to create tiered titles for Champion and Premier cats to earn along the way to Granding, as follows:

- 2.04** A BENCHED CHAMPION or PREMIER is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in one ring as a Champion or Premier. Champions or Premiers, including Opens competing as Champions or Premiers, and Champions or Premiers of any title (Bronze, Silver, Gold), transferred to Grand Champion or Grand Premier after the first day of a two day show will be counted as a Champion or Premier in all rings. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show. Any cat competing in a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for Grand Championship and Grand Premiership scoring purposes.
- 2.07** c. The CHAMPION CLASS is for cats that have completed Championships in this Association, and for which the required Championship claim form and fee has been mailed to the Central Office, claimed on-line or filed with the show master clerk. The Champion Class includes opens (with either temporary or permanent registration numbers) for competition purposes. Opens are listed in the show catalog as opens and the judge's book as champions. Opens compete in the champion class and count as champions. The Champion class also includes Champions of any CH title (Bronze, Silver, Gold), who compete in the champion class and count as champions.
- 2.08** CLASS refers to the competitive divisions within the competitive categories as follows: Kitten, AOV, Provisional Breed, Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) and Household Pet classes; Novice,

Champion (including Opens and Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions) and Grand Champion classes; Novice, Premier (including Opens and Bronze/Silver/Gold Premiers) and Grand Premier classes.

- 2.23** b. The following classes will be recognized for neuters and spays of each Championship Color Class: Grand Premier, Premier (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Premier), Open and Novice. The eligibility for each class will be determined in the same manner as for the corresponding class in Championship competition.
- 6.11** A cat that has been confirmed a Champion (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Champion), Grand Champion, Premier (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Premier) or Grand Premier may be eligible for entry under a different color and/or pattern than its confirmed color and/or pattern (except Sphynx, which are shown with no color or pattern description listed). It may be shown as an Open in the Champion/Premier class at the show in which the owner decides to make the change. These cats may not continue to compete as the new color and/or pattern at any further shows until the Central Office has been notified of the color and/or pattern change and payment of the current fee for a corrected registration has been submitted. Points and titles earned under the previously confirmed color and/or pattern are not carried over to the new color and/or pattern and the cat must compete again as an Open in the Champion/Premier class.
- 7.02** The entry clerk or a designated representative is responsible for preparing the judges' books, including those for judging Best of the Bests competitions, which shall be in numerical, but not necessarily consecutive catalog order. A minimum of two (2) lines must be left between color classes. The color class number, age (indicated in years and months) and the class for each entry must appear in the judges' books. At least two (2) spaces should be left between each class (Champion and Grand Champion) to allow for transfers. Opens and Bronze/Silver/Gold level Champions and Premiers shall be listed as champions or premiers in the judge's book, as applicable. Champions (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions) and opens competing as champions shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. Premiers (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Premiers) and opens competing as premiers shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. When a color class includes entries of more than one color/tabby pattern, the exact color/tabby pattern indicated on the entry form must be entered in the judges' books unless the breed is Sphynx, in which case no color or tabby pattern will be listed in the judges' books. At the end of each breed, the show entry clerk shall type a form for the following awards: Best of Breed/Division, Second Best of Breed/Division for Kittens, Championship and Premiership, and where necessary, Best Champion/Premier of Breed/Division.

At the end of the Veterans Class, the entry clerk shall type a form for Best through Fifth Best Cat and, if applicable, Sixth through Tenth Best Cat.

- 7.10** All entries must appear in numerical order (but not necessarily consecutive) in the printed catalog that is required at shows held under these rules. No addendum to the catalog is permitted except as provided by rule 12.06.

The catalog shall list entries in their correct breed, color and/or pattern (except Sphynx, which are shown with no color or pattern description listed), and competitive category. It is recognized that occasional transfers will be necessary due to entry error or late change in status; flagrant disregard of this show rule will be subject to disciplinary action. Transfers of competitive status, from Open to Champion or Premier, Champion or Premier to Grand Champion or Grand Premier,

filed in accordance with rules 27.05 and 28.06 are valid catalog changes. No catalog changes are required for transfers within the tiered Champion or Premier titles (i.e. Bronze to Silver, etc.).

- 7.15** e. the competitive class is not included in the group headings, but is noted below each catalog entry number as in the following example. The following abbreviations should be used: “MISC” for Miscellaneous; “PROV” for Provisional; “AOV” for Any Other Variety; “KIT” for Kitten; “NOV” for Novice; “OPN” for Open; “CH” for Champion (including all Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions); “GRC” for Grand Champion; “PR” for Premier (including all Bronze/Silver/Gold Premiers); “GRP” for Grand Premier; “HHP” for Household Pet; “VET” for Veteran Class; “EXH” for Exhibition Only. Example: (omitted for brevity)
- 10.23** c. If any of the entry information as printed in the catalog is in error, or a registration number or household pet recording number has not been printed in the catalog, it is the exhibitor’s responsibility to provide corrections of the information printed in error and/or the lacking registration or recording number to the master clerk or the Entry Clerk or their designee (individual handling check-in), as appropriate. An official catalog correction request form must be used and the exhibitor submitting the form must obtain a copy of the catalog correction form signed by the master clerk, or designated representative, showing the correct information has been supplied for corrections of erroneous or missing entry information involving the name, registration or recording number, birth date, ownership, region of residence of the cat, or competitive category (Novice, Open, Champion, Premier, Grand Champion, Grand Premier, Household Pet). This receipt should be retained by the exhibitor in the event any question might arise at a future date regarding an entry. For erroneous information regarding sex, age, color/tabby pattern, color class, competitive category (changes to or from Grand Champion/Grand Premier only) or competitive class of the cat, the correction must be made on the absentee/transfer sheet with the entry clerk or their designee (individual handling check-in), or, if check-in is completed, with each ring clerk prior to the cat being judged. Correction of erroneous information regarding the sire, dam, or breeder is not required. Changes to titles within the Bronze/Silver/Gold tiers of Champions and Premiers are not required.
- 12.17** The master clerk is responsible for counting the number of cats and kittens present and competing in the Kitten, Championship, Veterans, Household Pets, and Premiership Classes, as well as the number of Champions and Premiers (including Opens and all Bronze/Silver/Gold level Champions and Premiers) present and competing. ~~He~~The master clerk shall have these numbers available for the exhibitors.
- 12.19** The master clerk will accept completed official championship/premiership claim forms and Household Pet Recording Number applications. In addition, the master clerk will also accept correction slips that transfer a cat from Open, Champion or Premier to Grand in either the Championship or Premiership classes from the owner/ agent. Correction slips are not required for transfer between tiers of the Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions and Premiers. The master clerk will provide the show secretary with a list of the catalog numbers of these transfers.
- 27.05** c. A Bronze, Silver, or Gold Champion/Premier claim can be made via an online confirmation on the CFA website. See current price list for applicable fees.
- 27.06** A cat eligible and shown in the Champion or Premier class will compete concurrently for the Grand Champion or Grand Premier title, and the Bronze, Silver and Gold level of Champion/Premier. A cat can earn points toward these Bronze, Silver and Gold level of

Champion/Premier points in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty. Points are earned in the same amounts and percentages as those described in Rule 28.02 and 28.03.

1. To qualify for any the Bronze, Silver or Gold Champion/Premier title, a cat must have at least one win of Best Champion/Premier, Second Best Champion/Premier or Third Best Champion, or a final award of Best-Fifteenth Best Cat in either a CFA Specialty or Allbreed final.

2. Fifty (50) Grand Championship points are required for Bronze Champion; One hundred (100) for Silver Champion; and one hundred and fifty (150) for Gold Champion. Twenty (20) Grand Premiership points are required for Bronze Premier; forty (40) for Silver Premier; and sixty (60) for Gold Premier.

28.04 f. An Open must complete the requirements for the Champion/Premier class in order to qualify for the titles of Bronze/Silver/Gold or Grand Champion/Grand Premier. Opens may not compete as Grand Champions or Grand Premiers until all of the requirements for the Championship or Premiership claim have been met, including the filing of the claim form.

RATIONALE: This proposal would add multiple tiers to the Champion/Premier title. In doing so, more people will be encouraged to show cats that they are not sure will be easy Grands, which are now not shown past the six qualifying rings.

We all know that massive numbers of entries arrive as Opens and, after obtaining the CH title after 6 Qualifying Rings, go home never to be seen again. Some are cats that owners think might be too hard to Grand; others are in breeds that do not always have time to Grand before they need to be bred. In the last 12 years there has been a 43% decline in entries. Fewer than 8% of cats shown in Championship became Grand Champions in 2014; the Premiership Grands have not cracked 9% in any year since 2008. In 2016, the numbers actually declined - only 6.96% of Championship cats shown achieved the Grand title; 7.91% of Premiers shown achieved Grand status. That means of the 20,999 cats shown in Championship - the largest number of Championship cats exhibited since 2011 - only 1462 became Grands. Out of 9243 Premiership cats, just 731 became Grands. Many of these remaining 28,049 cats showed once for Qualifying Rings and never returned to a show hall because their owners knew they could end up spending good money for months and still come away with nothing to show, if their cat goes into heat too frequently or is bred or gets too hormonal. The recapture of even a small number of these entries can easily be the difference between a club folding or continuing show production.

We also see a need for this title for added meaning to the Champion title, as well as to meet the need of an exhibitor who must right now only use the phrase "Grand pointed." A Grand pointed cat could mean a cat with 1 point, or with 199 points. Other breeders reviewing pedigrees have no way of knowing anything about a cat with a CH title other than it has obtained six qualifying rings.

This would only apply to cats earning points toward Grand Championship/Premiership. Points would be earned ONLY in Champion/Premier finals or in breed/division Champion/Premier points (purple ribbon). This would accrue in every ring or show over multiple seasons. The levels would be:

Champion (CH)– six qualifying rings

Bronze Champion (CHB) – meet the requirements for Champion, make one final of any kind, and earn 50 Grand points toward GC

Silver Champion (CHS) – meet the requirements for Bronze Champion and earn 100 Grand points toward GC

Gold Champion (CHG) – meet the requirements for Silver Champion and earn 150 Grand points toward GC

Premier (PR) – six qualifying rings

Bronze Premier (PRB) – meet the requirements for Premier, make one final of any kind, and earn 20 Grand points toward GP

Silver Premier (PRS) – meet the requirements for Bronze Premier and earn 40 Grand points toward GP

Gold Premier (PRG) – meet the requirements for Silver Premier and earn 60 Grand points toward GP

Once the Grand title is achieved the initial titles related to Champion/Premier will drop off. As each title is obtained the old one is replaced (I.e. rather than a CH, CHB, CHS, the cat would be a CHS upon earning 100 Grand points). The points are cumulative through the levels. This means cats that “pass” requirements, do not have to remain at that level. For example, if a new Champion attends a show and earns 125 Grand points, that cat would automatically jump to Silver Champion status once the owner claims the title. A cat does not start out back at 0 after achieving any level. The additional titles are automatically conferred as the Grand points are earned – there is no award or certificate issued other than perhaps a pdf they can print themselves from their CFA account. In some sense this is a “Herman only” title that is reflected on pedigrees and of course on a breeder’s website or advertising.

Concerns have been raised about the effort to program this addition, how the cost of that change would be offset, as well as about the award itself. We have added an addition of a fee, that the Board would set, likely from \$2 to \$5 per title, in order to offset some of the staff time needed to update the programming and/or spend time in oversight of these titles.

Programming needs would include the addition of six if/then commands with regard to the point totals. This would be identical to the programming lines that allow cats passing 200 Champion points or 75 Premier points, to transfer to that Grand title. This programming should be a one-time cost that would not require maintenance and updates. The Board has tabled this issue and asked for the IT Committee to explore exactly what is needed in the programming arena but no follow-up on this issue has been presented. We believe the addition of the claim fee will more than offset the programming requirements.

– 5 – Marina All Breed Cat Club, Oriental Diamond Cat Fancier, Last Chance Cat Fanciers International, Shanghai International Cat Fanciers’ Club, China Central Cat Fancier, China American Shorthair Cat Fancier Club, Nei Monggol American Shorthair Fancier Club, Northeast Cat Fanciers Club of China, Angel Fairy Sphynx, Katnip Kat Club, Jiang Nan Cat Fanciers Club, China Yantze River Cat Fanciers’ Club, Beijing International Cat Club, Crown City Cat Club, Hemet Feline Fanciers, Las Flores Cat Club, Paul Raines California Solid Color Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 6.14 as follows:

- 6.14** a. The show management shall determine the amount of the entry fee, which must be at least \$1.00 per ring, and not exceed \$30.00 per ring for any one cat. Any available discount shall be listed in the show flyer. A club shall not refuse an entry fee(s) paid in the “coin of the realm.”

b. Clubs must maintain all fees as quoted in the show flyer ~~and~~, except as otherwise provided in these Show Rules. No club nor individual may not charge fees to exhibitors which are not quoted in the show flyer or otherwise provided for in these Show Rules.

RATIONALE: Although this proposal has little to no effect on Regions 1-9 or International outside of China, it will be a significant benefit for CFA exhibitors in China who are interested in true competition and fair shows. Limiting show fees to no more than \$30 per ring will prevent the practice of some clubs in China of charging as much as \$200.00 per ring, or more, in order to discourage entries and limit competition. Limiting fees that may be charged to only those listed in the published show flyer will assist exhibitors in China who have been asked to pay as much as \$700.00 for a substitution, plus \$700.00 to the exhibitor who agrees to withdraw an entry to allow space for the substitution, in addition to the entry fee.

Competition in China has been separated from Regions 1-9; however, what happens in China affects all of CFA. China has created great income for CFA, yet, the show practices in China endanger that income by soiling the reputation and success of our organization. The corrupt practices of a few clubs have repelled exhibitors who want to show their cats and have a fair chance at a rosette. Worse, these practices have encouraged other organizations to capitalize on what is seen as corrupt competition in CFA shows, advertising their organizations' shows as fair, without the stuffing of pet-shop cats. This show rule change will confine the clubs in China to reasonable fees and create the ability to protest the most egregious violations of the few clubs in China that rely on questionable practices.

– 6 – Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers, New River Cat Fanciers, Metropolitan Cat Fanciers, Cats of the Rising Sun, Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers, Seacoast Cat Club, Half Moon Cat Club, Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc., Pawprints in the Sand, Chamberlin on the Bay Cat Fanciers, Mount Laurel Cat Fanciers

RESOLVED: Effective immediately, amend CFA Show Rules 8.03 and 11.32 to make the Household Pet Finals awards 1-10 consistent with the other competitive categories (Kitten, Championship and Premiership), as follows:

8.03 Permanent ribbon designations, ribbons, or rosettes in the color designated **MUST** be given for the awards listed below. If more than one type of memorial is listed, any one of the choices may be given.

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Best- 5th-10th Best HHP	Rosette/award	Any Color
6th-10th Best HHP (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color
11th-15th Best HHP (if appl)	Rosette/award	Any Color ...

11.32 HOUSEHOLD PETS

Awards made in the Household Pet Class shall be as follows:

Those individual entries deemed worthy shall receive the Household Pet Merit Award, which shall be red and white.

There shall be no distinction between Longhair and Shorthair entries in any Household Pet Show.

There shall be no distinction between Adult Neuters, Adult Spays and Kittens.

The awards for Household Pet Finals shall be Best, Second Best, Third Best, Fourth Best, Fifth Best, ~~and, if desired, Sixth Best, Seventh Best, Eight Best, Ninth Best~~ through Tenth Best Cat and, if 45 or more are entered, Eleventh through Fifteenth Best Cat.

When two or more Household Pet rings are held concurrently, a Household Pet Best of the Bests competition may be held.

RATIONALE: It has been shown over the past several years that HHP entries may be in the high 20's and 30's at CFA shows and the HHP entry fees go a long way to helping clubs survive financially. Regardless of the number of entries, the other competitive categories – Kitten, Championship and Premiership classes – all award Top 10 finals awards. It is time to make the HHP classes consistent with these other classes. Per this show rule change clubs will be required to award Top 10 HHPs in all HHP finals. Currently the clubs only have to award 1–5 Best and 6–10 Best are optional.

Additionally, making CFA HHPs equal to the other categories will encourage people to show their HHPs more often. More entries help the clubs pay the bills for the shows. While some Regions do not have large HHP classes, other Regions have very large HHP classes. Consistently giving Top 10 awards, hopefully, will begin to increase the number of HHPs coming to shows in locations that have previously had small HHP entries.

Some of the general public are negative to breeders; to be able to say that CFA supports all cats, not just pedigreed breeds, goes a long way to changing this negative attitude toward cat breeders. In addition, many times clubs work with shelters and rescues and the clubs will support/discount the entry fee for HHPs that are then adoptable. They are even more adoptable, for some reason, when they have awards from the judges. This is good for everybody

HHPs are often shown by children and it is particularly important to incentivize them to continue to be cat people as they grow up and remain interested in showing. It does not cost the club that much more to have awards for sixth through tenth and it is a great tool to encourage exhibitors continuing to show.

There are two separate resolutions pertaining to veterans. The first is to award titles. The second, if the first passes, is to award regional wins. If #1 passes, then #2 would be considered.

– 7 – Country Faire Cat Fanciers, Cymric Cat Club, Fresno Cat Club, Greater Northwest Cat Fanciers, Idaho Cat Fanciers, Illini Cat Club, Japanese Bobtail Fanciers, Korats Unlimited, Longhair Japanese Bobtail Breeders, Manx Ltd., Rip City Cats, Wenatchee Valley Cat Club, Willamette Valley Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Show Rules by adding a new Article XXX (with subsequent articles being renumbered) adding grand titles and scoring for Veteran class as follows:

30.01 A cat eligible for and shown in the Veteran Class will compete for Grand Veteran (GV) points in any veteran ring judged by a CFA licensed judge, approved CFA guest judge. Or CFA judge in training as follows:

Any Veteran cat placing in the finals awards may receive points towards the Grand Veteran Cat title. The highest placing Veteran cat will receive one point for every benched Veteran Cat defeated. The second highest placing Veteran Cat will receive 95% of the points awarded the highest placing Veteran Cat, third highest 90%, fourth highest 85%, 5th highest 80%, etc.

30.02 a. Fifty (50) points are required for Grand Veteran cat in Regions 1 through 9 with the exceptions of the Maritime Provinces of Canada, Malta, the Ukraine, Hawaii, Russia (east of the Ural mountains), and the International Division. For cats residing and competing in those excepted areas twenty-five (25) points are required for the Grand Veteran (GV) title.

b. Grand points will be adjusted when a cat competes outside their scoring location. For example, a cat competing from a 25 point scoring location to a 50 point scoring location, grand points will be adjusted at 50%. Grand points will only be adjusted up when a cat moves from a lower point scoring location to a higher point scoring location for a permanent change of residence (see 30.02.c).

c. A cat's accumulated grand points earned in one scoring location will be adjusted per 29.02.b. Grand points earned in a 25 point scoring location moving to a 50 point scoring location will be credited at 200%.

d. Wins made in Veteran competition may not be transferred to Premiership or Championship records. However, titles earned in all other classes of competition will be retained.

30.03 Points must be won under at least six (6) different judges.

30.04 Any cat that achieves 30 or more top 10/top 15 finals per season in three separate seasons and a minimum of 50 CFA award points in each of those seasons shall be eligible to claim the "Grand Veteran of Distinction" title (abbreviated GVD). This title replaces the Grand Veteran title; however, the same show season may be used to qualify for both titles.

This award may be claimed by filing the appropriate form with Central Office, and paying a fee as set by the Board of Directors. Show seasons prior to 2017-2018 may not be considered in claims for this title. The Grand Veteran of Distinction title must be claimed within 90 days of the conclusion of the last qualifying season.

RATIONALE: The above addition is identical as the HHP show rules with the substitution of Veteran for Household Pet and the point qualification.

Competition is why we have cat shows. People who have expressed an interest in Veterans (7 years and older) keep their older pedigreed cats at home because no title is available so for them, stating "a waste of money". Many veterans, who already have several titles and awards, are left at home from the Championship and Premiership class so as not to interfere with the younger cats trying for their own NW, BW, RWs. Giving a GV title could entice exhibitors to show them in this class. This class is a way to show the world we care about our older cats and enjoy them and give them a separate "spotlight."

The 50 point accumulation for a Grand Title is less than Premiership, but Premiership has more entries in the Premier class usually than veterans. At this time the veteran counts are low, but if the counts increase, the points can be raised. Veteran cats also have less time and shows to accumulate points as the class isn't offered at all shows. It will not be required to have a Veterans' Class.

If the previous proposal passes, consider the following proposal:

– 8 – Country Faire Cat Fanciers, Cymric Cat Club, Fresno Cat Club, Greater Northwest Cat Fanciers, Idaho Cat Fanciers, Illini Cat Club, Japanese Bobtail Fanciers, Korats Unlimited, Longhair

JBT Breeders' Club, Manx Ltd., Rip City Cats, Wenatchee Valley Cat Club, Willamette Valley Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Show Rules to award regional wins to Veteran Cats under Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, ELIGIBILITY, Paragraph 5; SHOW POINTS, Official Show Count subsection, Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3; Eligible Wins subsection, new Paragraph 5; DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS, Paragraphs 1 and 2; SCORING, Paragraphs 1, 2, 4 and 5; AWARDS section, National/ Regional/Divisional/Assignment subsection, Paragraphs 1, 2, 4 and 5, as follows:

**Article XXXVI
NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM**

ELIGIBILITY

5. Cats competing in the Veteran classes are ineligible to participate in this program. All veteran cats entered and competing in accordance with the show rules.

SHOW POINTS

Official Show Count

1. For each show, official show counts are determined for each category in which a judge has given finals awards. These categories might include, but are not limited to, allbreed kittens, longhair kittens, shorthair kittens, allbreed championship, longhair championship, shorthair championship, allbreed premiership, longhair premiership, shorthair premiership, ~~and~~ household pets, and veterans.
2. The cats/kittens/household pets/veterans competing in each show are tallied within their category to establish the official show counts. Kittens/veterans that are not listed with either a temporary or permanent registration number either printed in the catalog or added to the catalog in ink by the Master Clerk. Novices and AOVs are not to be counted in the official count for their respective categories.
3. A cat/kitten/household pet/veteran handled by a judge in one ring is counted as competing in all rings.

Eligible Wins

5. Veteran Class – all finals awards as provided in the current show rules.

DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS

1. Best cat/kitten/household pet/veteran – one point for each cat/kitten defeated.
2. 2nd Best Cat/kitten/household pet (HHP), veteran – 95% of the points awarded to best cat/kitten/HHP/veteran, 3rd best cat/kitten/HHP/veteran 90%, 4th best 85%, 5th best 80%, etc.

SCORING

At the completion of the show season, a cat/household pet (adult or kitten)/veteran will be credited with the points from its highest 100 rings. For a kitten award, the kitten will be credited with the points

from its highest 40 individual rings earned as a kitten, to be credited in the show year in which its last full weekend of kitten eligibility falls, regardless of the show year in which it begins showing as a kitten.

If a cat/household pet/veteran is exhibited in shows totaling 100 rings or less (40 rings for kittens) total credited points will be the sum of total points earned.

All points credited ...

In order to be eligible for a regional award, a cat/kitten/household pet/veteran must be shown at least once in the region of final assignment (see regional assignment section). In order to be eligible, for a national award, a cat/kitten must be shown at least once in the national award area of final assignment (see regional/national assignment section). Veterans are not eligible for national wins.

Breed/Color specialty rings which provide a judging(s) beyond the number of judgments available to other entries will not be scored for National/Divisional/Regional points. Similarly, Household Pet or Veteran rings judged by a celebrity judge (anyone other than a CFA licensed judge, CFA judge trainee, or approved guest judge) or held in conjunction with a stand alone household pet/veteran show will not be scored for CFA awards points.

AWARDS

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Regional Awards

The awards presented each year in regions 1-9 are:

Best-25th Best Cat*

Best-25th Best Kitten*

Best-25th Best Cat in Premiership*

*The title of "Regional Winner (RW)" is limited to cats receiving the above awards.

Best-10th Best Household Pet**

**The title of Household Pet Regional Winner (HRW)" is limited to cats receiving the above awards. A minimum of 100 points is required to win these awards.

Best – 5th Best Veteran***

***The title of Veteran Regional Winner (VRW) is limited to veterans receiving the above awards. A minimum of 50 points is required to win this award.

National/Regional/Divisional/Assignment

1. **National/Regional/Divisional assignment is determined separately for each competitive category, i.e. kitten, championship, premiership, household pet, veteran.**
2. a. Regional/area (national/regional/divisional) of residence is assigned based on the region number (or address in the case of cats residing in the International Division) listed in the last show in which the cat/kitten/household pet/veteran was entered and present prior to or on the first full show weekend in January (see #5, 6 & 7). In those cases where the cat/ kitten/ household pet/veteran did not earn points, the owner shall notify Central Office of the date and show where the cat/kitten/household pet/veteran was entered and present within 10 days of the first full show weekend in January.

4. To be eligible for a regional award, a cat/kitten/household pet/veteran must be shown at least once in the competitive category in the region of final assignment. Exhibiting at the CFA World Show or CFA International Cat Show does not satisfy this requirement.
5. No change to the regional assignment of a cat/kitten/household pet/veteran will be permitted after the first full show weekend in January (see #6, 7 & 8)

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– 9 – Tarheel Triangle Cat Fanciers, Cats of the Rising Sun, Midlantic Pers-Himmie Fanciers, New River Cat Fanciers, Metropolitan Cat Fanciers, Seacoast Cat Club, Half Moon Cat Club, Pawprints in the Sand, Chamberlin on the Bay Cat Fanciers, Mount Laurel Cat Fanciers

RESOLVED: Effective for the 2017-2018 show season, amend the CFA Show Rules, Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, AWARDS section, National Awards subsection to add national wins for household pets, as follows:

AWARDS

The awards presented each year are:

National Awards

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To obtain any national award and its associated title (National Winner - NW), the cat/kitten/HHP must earn a minimum number of points over the duration of the show season in the category to which the award will be earned (HHP minimum points to be determined by the CFA Board of Directors). Those minimums are as follows:

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Best-10th Best Household Pet

Best-10th Best Cat in Agility+

*The title of “National Winner (NW)” is limited to cats receiving the above * awards.

+A minimum of 150 agility points are required for this award and there is no title associated with a national agility award.

If proposal passes all appropriate rules which must be changed to reflect National Awards for Household Pets will also be changed to reflect this.

RATIONALE: At the New Orleans CFA Annual Meeting the club delegates overwhelmingly supported National Awards for HHPs. The CFA Board of Directors decided to award Regional Awards for HHPs and take a “wait and see” attitude toward further awards for HHPs.

It has been three years since that vote was taken and HHPs have been shown consistently throughout CFA and contribute greatly to the financial success of the CFA shows. It is time now for the Household Pets to receive National Awards.

PROPOSED NON-SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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None.