

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
2011 BREED COUNCIL POLL

TOTAL MEMBERS – 102

BALLOTS RECEIVED – 55

60% OF VOTING - 33

ORIENTAL

1. Coat Length Prefix Poll:

Would you like to have the ability to change the registration of an Oriental cat with a 4### prefix who, through genetic testing, is shown not to carry the longhair gene, to a 2###g prefix Oriental? (And conversely, correct any 2### registrations that are found to carry the long hair gene.)

RATIONALE: Any 4### registered Oriental that is phenotypically shorthaired can be tested at the owner's expense to see if it carries the longhair gene. If the longhair gene is found to be absent, then the cat could be reregistered with the appropriate 2###g Oriental prefix. The "g" designator would be for that one generation and would designate that the cat had been genetically tested. The owner must provide proof of testing and pay appropriate fees to CO. (Currently registration correction costs \$10.00, as of 8/1/2011)

Longhair is recessive, and initially a prefix was chosen to designate cats that may carry the gene based on parentage. However, after several generations, many of the offspring with the 4### prefix do not carry the longhair gene, thus making this numbering system flawed.

Genetic testing for traits in cats has improved dramatically and has become common place. Several labs are now offering longhair screenings with very high reliability. The gene for longhair has been identified as fibroblast growth factor 5 or "FGF5" and has four different mutations.

Nobody will be required to test any cat. Genetic testing would just be an option for those owners who have 4### registered cats in their program and who would like the prefixes to accurately represent the genetic coat length possibilities of the cat.

YES: 42

NO: 12

ABSTAIN: 1

2. PROPOSED: Modification of Show Rules 2.04 and XXXII to allow Pointed Oriental Longhairs to compete with Balinese/Javanese:

(To be added under the Balinese and Balinese/Javanese Color Classes and Oriental Color Classes in XXXII)

Pointed Oriental Longhairs that meet Balinese and Balinese/Javanese color descriptions are eligible to compete in Balinese and Balinese/Javanese color classes. Refer to the Balinese

and Balinese/Javanese for a complete list of colors. These cats are also referred to as AOV Orientals. A division for pointed Oriental Longhairs will be created for scoring purposes only and National/Regional points accumulated by pointed Orientals Longhairs shown in Balinese and Balinese/Javanese: color classes will count towards pointed Oriental Longhair wins, not Balinese and Balinese/Javanese wins.

Show Rule 2.04: With the exception of qualifying longhair Exotics (which may be shown in Persian classes) and qualifying pointed Orientals (which may be shown in Colorpoint Shorthair, Balinese or Balinese/Javanese 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.

RATIONALE: CFA set a precedent for showing cats phenotypically when it allowed the longhaired Exotics to be shown with Persians, but scored as Exotics. They further strengthened this principle when it was decided to allow the pointed shorthair Orientals in the appropriate sixteen colors to be shown as Colorpoint Shorthairs and scored as Orientals. We are asking for the logical extension of this to cover the Oriental Longhairs.

Currently the pointed Oriental Longhairs are used as an outcross for both divisions of the Balinese. Their offspring can be immediately registered as Balinese and shown; however, the parents remain listed as Oriental AOV's and do not enjoy championship status. Many breeders working with Balinese and Balinese/Javanese also work with Oriental Longhairs, and regularly interbreed them. However, they are unable to show their pointed Oriental Longhairs in CFA, and often turn to other organizations to register and show these cats. While the numbers of these cats may not be large, they are present and would increase the revenues for CFA clubs if allowed championship status.

YES: 36

NO: 17

ABSTAIN: 2

- 3. PROPOSED:** Modification of Show Rules 2.04 and XXXII to allow variants to compete (to be changed under the Colorpoint Shorthair and Oriental Color Classes):

Pointed Orientals Shorthairs that meet Colorpoint Shorthair color descriptions are eligible to compete in Colorpoint Shorthair color classes. Refer to the Colorpoint Shorthair for a complete list of colors. These cats are also referred to as AOV Orientals. A division for pointed Oriental Shorthairs will be created for scoring purposes only and National/Regional points accumulated by pointed Orientals Shorthairs shown in Colorpoint Shorthair: color classes will count towards pointed Oriental Shorthairs wins, not Colorpoint Shorthair wins. ~~Shorthair variants of longhair Oriental breeding with the prefixes of 41xx and 42xx are not eligible for competition in Colorpoint Shorthair color classes.~~

RATIONALE: It is contradictory to seem to admit cats to their appropriate classes phenotypically yet restrict them based on parentage. A shorthaired Oriental with a 4#### prefix is considered a variant by virtue of its registration number, which though valuable for pedigree information, implies nothing about the individual's appearance. As the longhair gene is recessive to the shorthair gene, a shorthaired Oriental with a 4#### prefix may or may not carry the longhair gene. Many of these cats have not carried the longhair gene for several

generations. Many of these cats have coats that are as short and tight as Orientals with 2### prefixes, whether or not they carry the longhair gene. There have been Oriental Shorthair National Winners and Regional Winners who are variants and who have carried the longhair gene. To say they are not phenotypically the same as their counterparts with purely shorthaired parentage is not defensible.

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YES: 37

NO: 18

ABSTAIN: 1

4. PROPOSED: Permit registration of Orientals via 3 generation certified pedigree.

CFA Rules of Registration Article II – Section 3 Registration via Certified Pedigree

To obtain registration for cats eligible under this policy, a 5-generation certified pedigree (see “Note” for exceptions to the 5-generation requirement), issued by the registrar of the association in which the cat is currently registered, must be submitted for CFA files. Pedigrees used for this type of registration will be accepted only from previously certified associations. **RECORDED CATS:** Cats may be individually recorded for breeding purposes only. The requirements for recording are identical to those for individual registration via pedigree, except that one less generation of ancestry is required. Recorded cats may not be shown at CFA shows.

NOTE: The following breeds require certified pedigrees for the number of generations indicated in parentheses after the breed name: Abyssinian (8), American Wirehair (4), Balinese* (3 or 5), Burmese (8), Chartreux (4), Colorpoint Shorthair (3), Devon Rex (3), European Burmese (8), Korat (3), Oriental (3), Ragdoll (3), Russian Blue (8), Scottish Fold (4), Selkirk Rex (no pedigree required, see * at beginning of Section 3), Siamese (8), Siberian (3), Sphynx (3), Tonkinese (3) and Turkish Angora (3). All other breeds require 5 generations.

RATIONALE: The purpose of the above proposal is to encourage and facilitate transfers from foreign registries. At this time CFA requires a minimum of 5 generations (62 possible ancestors) to be submitted for most breeds to obtain full registration status. Cats may be “recorded” for “breeding purposes only” with one less generation. Standard registration slips provided by foreign registries generally include less than five generations of ancestry, thus making it more costly and time consuming to acquire the additional information. By reducing the number of generations for transfer to 3 (2 for recording purposes) the number of animals that must be checked is reduced significantly. Not only will this help to speed the processing, but will also (hopefully) encourage more breeders to transfer and show their animals. It is hoped that owners will submit more than the required 2 generations for CFA files, but only 3 generations would be checked or required.

YES: 42

NO: 13

ABSTAIN: 1

5. **PROPOSED:** Add GOLDENS to shaded class, with changes to the standard as indicated.

(Under COAT COLOR - modify)

Shaded – The shaded cat has a white, ivory to pale honey or apricot undercoat, with a mantle of colored tipping shading down from sides, face and tail from dark on the ridge to white a color consistent with the undercoat on the chin, chest underside and under the tail.

(Under ORIENTAL COLORS - modify)

Shaded Color Class

The shaded Oriental has a white, ivory to pale honey or apricot undercoat, with a mantle of colored tipping shading down from the sides, face and tail from dark on the ridge to white a color consistent with the undercoat on the chin, chest underside and under the tail. Legs to be same tone as the face.

(Under SHADED COLOR CLASS - add)

BLUE GOLDEN: undercoat ivory to pale honey or apricot with a mantle of blue tipping. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with blue. Nose leather: old rose. Paw pads: blue.

CHESTNUT GOLDEN: undercoat ivory to pale honey or apricot with a mantle of chestnut tipping. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with chestnut. Nose leather: pink. Paw pads: coral pink.

CINNAMON GOLDEN: undercoat ivory to pale honey or apricot with a mantle of cinnamon tipping. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with cinnamon. Nose leather: pink. Paw pads: coral pink.

CREAM GOLDEN: undercoat ivory to pale honey or apricot with a mantle of cream tipping. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: pink.

EBONY GOLDEN: undercoat ivory to pale honey or apricot with a mantle of black tipping. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with black. Nose leather: brick red. Paw pads: black.

FAWN GOLDEN: undercoat ivory to pale honey or apricot with a mantle of fawn tipping. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with fawn. Nose leather: pink. Paw pads: pink.

LAVENDER GOLDEN: undercoat ivory to pale honey or apricot with a mantle of lavender tipping. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with lavender. Nose leather: lavender-pink. Paw pads: lavender-pink.

PARTI-COLOR GOLDEN: undercoat ivory to pale honey or apricot with a mantle of black, blue*, chestnut, cinnamon, fawn* or lavender* tipping with patches of red or softly intermingled areas of red on both body and extremities (presence of several shades of red

acceptable; *dilute colors exhibit cream instead of red). **Nose leather:** may be mottled with pink. **Paw pads:** may be mottled with pink.

RED GOLDEN: undercoat ivory to pale honey or apricot with a mantle of red tipping. **Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads:** rose.

(Under **ORIENTAL COLOR CLASS NUMBERS, LONGHAIR DIVISION – modify**)

Shaded Class..... 4332 4333

(Blue Silver, Chestnut Silver, Cinnamon Silver, Cream Silver [Dilute Cameo], Ebony Silver, Fawn Silver, Lavender Silver, Parti-Color Silver, Red Silver [Cameo], Blue Golden, Chestnut Golden, Cinnamon Golden, Cream Golden, Ebony Golden, Fawn Golden, Lavender Golden, Parti-Color Golden, Red Golden)

(Under **ORIENTAL COLOR CLASS NUMBERS, SHORTHAIR DIVISION – modify**)

Shaded Class..... 2332 2333

(Blue Silver, Chestnut Silver, Cinnamon Silver, Cream Silver [Dilute Cameo], Ebony Silver, Fawn Silver, Lavender Silver, Parti-Color Silver, Red Silver [Cameo], Blue Golden, Chestnut Golden, Cinnamon Golden, Cream Golden, Ebony Golden, Fawn Golden, Lavender Golden, Parti-Color Golden, Red Golden)

YES: 41

NO: 10

ABSTAIN: 5

Ballots must be returned in the envelope provided and be RECEIVED in the Central Office by Thursday, December 15, 2011.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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