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The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. 2016 BREED COUNCIL POLL

PERSIAN – GENERAL

- 1. PROPOSED:** Prohibit the showing of Longhair Exotics in Persian Color Classes effective May 1, 2018.

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):

- 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.
- Revise Article XXXII, Rule 30.01 of the Show Rules effective May 1, 2018 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.~~

- 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 2018-2019 show season.

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RATIONALE: This same question was on the Persian and Exotic Breed Council ballots in 2013, 2014, and 2015. It was passed by 69% of the Persian Breed Council membership (93/138) in 2013, 64% in 2014 (114/179), and 65% in 2015 (104/158). 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.

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 in LH Exotic color classes instead of in 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.

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 2018 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. 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.

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NOTE: This is not an either/or proposal with Questions 2 & 3. Each is a separate question and should be answered independently of Questions 2 & 3.

YES: 122

NO: 72

ABSTAIN: 1

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 194

> 50% of Voting: 98

- 2. PROPOSED:** Reinstate the original compromise between the Exotic and Persian Breed Councils and forbid registration of litters born between Longhair Exotic X Longhair Exotic, beginning in the 2017-2018 show season.

RATIONALE: There is no reason to be breeding Longhair Exotics to other Longhair Exotics. Longhair Exotics are produced as a by-product by Exotic Shorthair breeding programs. The Exotic Breed Council wanted to show these cats for titles in order to improve their pedigrees; thus they should only be used in Exotic Shorthair breeding programs. It is the belief of the Persian Breed Council that if a breeder wishes to have a breeding program of cats that look like Persians, they should be breeding CFA registered Persians. Allowing such breeding encourages the creation of mimic, hybrid breeding programs and sets the stage for conflict. It would be better to be clear that the creation of mimic breeding programs is not allowed.

NOTE: This is not an either/or proposal with Questions 1 & 3. Each is a separate question and should be answered independently of Questions 1 & 3.

YES: 117

NO: 73

ABSTAIN: 5

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 190

> 50% of Voting: 96

- 3. PROPOSED:** Reinstate the original compromise between the Exotic and Persian Breed Councils and forbid registration of litters born between Persian X Longhair Exotic, beginning in the 2017-2018 show season.

RATIONALE: There is no reason to be breeding Persians to Longhair Exotics. Longhair Exotics are produced as a by-product by Exotic Shorthair breeding programs. The Exotic Breed Council wanted to show these cats for titles in order to improve their pedigrees; thus they should only be used in Exotic Shorthair breeding programs. It is the belief of the Persian Breed Council that if a breeder wishes to have a breeding program of cats that look like Persians, they should be breeding CFA registered Persians to CFA registered Persians. Allowing such breeding encourages the creation of mimic, hybrid breeding programs and sets the stage for conflict. It would be better to be clear that the creation of mimic breeding programs is not allowed.

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NOTE: This is not an either/or proposal with Questions 1 & 2. Each is a separate question and should be answered independently of Questions 1 & 2.

YES: 119

NO: 73

ABSTAIN: 3

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 192

> 50% of Voting: 97

4. PROPOSED: Modify the description for Persian PAWS as follows:

Current:

PAWS: large, round, and firm. Toes carried close, five in front and four behind.

Proposed:

PAWS: large, round, and firm. Toes ~~carried close~~ loosely coupled, five in front and four behind.

RATIONALE: Change made to better describe the Persian paw. Compared to many other breeds, including Exotics, the Persians' paws are large relative to their overall size and the toes are more relaxed rather than held tightly together.

YES: 108

NO: 82

ABSTAIN: 5

STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 190

60% of Voting: 114

5. PROPOSED: Modify the description for Persian HEAD as follows (additions in underline):

Current:

HEAD: round and massive, with great breadth of skull. Round face with round underlying bone structure. Well set on a short, thick neck. Skull structure to be smooth and round to the touch and not unduly exaggerated from where the forehead begins at the top of the break to the back of the head, as well as across the breadth between the ears. When viewed in profile, the prominence of the eyes is apparent and the forehead, nose, and chin appear to be in vertical alignment.

Proposed:

HEAD: round and massive, with great breadth of skull. Round face with round underlying bone structure. Well set on a short, thick neck. Kittens and young adults should not have jowls, a fold of flesh under the jaw line. Skull structure to be smooth and round to the touch and not unduly exaggerated from where the forehead begins at the top of the break to the back of the head, as well as across the breadth between the ears. When viewed in profile, the

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prominence of the eyes is apparent and the forehead, nose, and chin appear to be in vertical alignment.

RATIONALE: Change made to differentiate the Persian neck from that of some other breeds, including Exotics. Persian females and young Persians do not have a noticeable fold of flesh under the jaw or jowls. Mature males may exhibit stud jowls, where the side cheeks feel full.

YES: 109

NO: 84

ABSTAIN: 2

STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 193

60% of Voting: 116

6. PROPOSED: Modify the description for Persian NOSE as follows (additions in underline):

Current:

NOSE: short, snub, and broad, with “break” centered between the eyes.

Proposed:

NOSE: short, snub, and broad, with “break” centered between the inside corners of the eyes.

RATIONALE: Change made to help judges and breeders know that the nose itself should not be centered between the eyes but rather that the break should be located on a line drawn between the inside corners of the eyes with the nose centered between eyes below the break.

YES: 110

NO: 81

ABSTAIN: 4

STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 191

60% of Voting: 115

7. PROPOSED: Add to Persian DISQUALIFY as follows (additions in underline):

Current:

DISQUALIFY: locket or button. Kinked or abnormal tail. Incorrect number of toes. Any apparent weakness in the hind quarters. Any apparent deformity of the spine. Deformity of the skull resulting in an asymmetrical face and/or head. Crossed eyes.

Proposed:

DISQUALIFY: locket or button. Kinked or abnormal tail. Incorrect number of toes. Any apparent weakness in the hind quarters. Any apparent deformity of the spine. Deformity of the skull resulting in an asymmetrical face and/or head. Nose that is visibly set to one side of the vertical centerline of the face. Crossed eyes.

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RATIONALE: This change clarifies that Persians with noses that are asymmetrical or “crooked” should be disqualified from competition.

YES: 135

NO: 55

ABSTAIN: 5

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 190

60% of Voting: 114

PERSIAN BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY BALLOT
For the Term May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2019

Ballot for the Election of

PERSIAN

Breed Council Secretary

For the Term May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2019

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| 105 | Carissa Altschul
Joshua, Texas |
| 86 | Hope Gonano
Port Orange, Florida |
| 4 | Abstain |

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