

THE CANADIAN CAT ASSOCIATION

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# SHOW RULES AND CLASSIFICATIONS

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# THE CANADIAN CAT ASSOCIATION

## SHOW RULES

May 1, 2020

### ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS

#### *Section 1*

In these rules, a **cat** is a domesticated feline of either sex, including neuters and spays - eight months of age or older, and a **kitten** is a domesticated feline of either sex of four months or older and under eight months.

- a) i) A **Registered** cat or kitten is one for which the CCA registration number was issued by the CCA Registrar.
  - ii) A **Recorded** cat or kitten (Household Pets, Experimental Breeds, New Breeds) is one for which the CCA recorded number was issued by the CCA registrar.
- b) A **Neuter** is a castrated male cat.
- c) A **Spay** is an altered female cat.
- d) i) An **Established Breed** is a well-known breed that has already been given championship status in CCA and/or other registering associations.
  - ii) An **Experimental Breed** is a new breed originated from breeding two or more different breeds and/or which additional breeding has to be done. (See Appendix 1, Article V 5.) The result of mating i) two or more domestic breeds OR ii) one or more domestic breeds with a non-domestic (wild gene).
  - iii) A **New Breed** is a breed which has been advanced from the Experimental class OR is a breed which has provisional status in other registering associations. Additional breeding and show evaluations is required before further advancement is made.
- e) The **A.O.V.** (Any Other Variety) is for purebred cats or kittens with registered parents which are eligible for CCA registration, but for which there is no colour classification; the colour and/or pattern is not recognized (i.e. Smoke-Point Himalayan). The exception to this rule would be breeds which specifically exclude other colours and/or patterns in the breed (i.e. No A.O.V. Allowed Abyssinian).
- f) A **Household Pet** is a cat of unknown ancestry or a cat that does not conform to the Experimental, New Breed, or Championship standard of perfection.
- g) An **All-Breed Ring** is one including full championship classification. All classes must be offered.
- h) A **Specialty Ring** is a full classification Longhair or full classification Shorthair show.
- i) **Bonus Ring** is one in which the presiding All Breed Judge(s) will determine Longhair Specialty, Shorthair Specialty and All Breed final placements. All classes must be offered and may be divided between four judges.
- j) A **Cat Show** is one or more All Breed or Specialty Rings held concurrently or consecutively under the sponsorship of

one or more clubs. Each ring must be officiated by a different judge or judges.

- k) A **Licensed Judge** is a judge that has been approved by the Board of Examiners and ultimately by the Board of Directors of CCA. All CCA judges must be CCA members in good standing.
- l) An **All-Breed Judge** is a judge licensed to judge All Breed, Specialty Shows and Bonus Rings.
- m) A **Specialty Judge** is a judge licensed to judge Longhair and/or Shorthair Specialty shows.
- n) A **Probationary Judge** is a judge (Longhair or Shorthair, or All Breed) who has not completed the required number of shows to qualify as an Approved Specialty Judge or Approved All Breed Judge.
- o) An **Apprentice Judge** is one who has successfully completed the necessary examinations and qualifications required for entry into the CCA Judging Program, but have not completed the necessary apprenticeship assignments, training and exams as prescribed by the Board of Examiners.
- p) A **Guest Judge** is a licensed All Breed Judge in good standing and on the current list of another recognized cat association.
- q) A **Licensed Clerk** is a clerk who has successfully completed the requirements for one or more of the following categories:
  - 1. Licensed Assistant Clerk
  - 2. Licensed Senior Clerk
  - 3. Licensed Master Clerk
- r) A **Breeder** is the person who was the registered owner of the dam or had leased the dam at the time of mating.
- s) An **Exhibitor** is the person who owns or leases a cat that is entered in a show. This term also includes the agent of the owner or lessee.
- t) The **New Breed Category (NBC)** is for breeds that can be shown but have not met the requirements for full championship status.
- u) **Judge Emeritus** is a title merited by a CCA retired judge who has served the Association proudly.

## ARTICLE 2 - SHOW DATES

### *Section 1*

Show dates must be confirmed verbally by the Registrar of CCA and payment of applicable fee per current fee schedule made within 10 days of confirmation. Application for a show date should be made at least made ~~60 days~~ **seventy (70) days** prior to the date chosen. **CCA Clubs should have an exhibitor flyer available to be posted on the association website at least 70 days prior to the first day of a show.**

### *Section 2*

- a) No second cat show shall be licensed by CCA on the same weekend unless there are more than 500 miles between the

two locations.

- b) Two one-day shows are permissible providing both clubs are agreeable, are in the same general vicinity, and held at one-day intervals.

## ARTICLE 3 - SHOW LICENSES

### Section 1

- a) All applications for show licenses must be made to the Registrar of CCA. An amount of the applicable fee per current fee schedule will be charged for the right to hold a show, which has to be paid within 10 days of verbal confirmation. .
- b) Individual class licenses (i.e., Kitten, Championship, Premiership, or Household Pet) can be purchased (as per Article 3, Section 3 a). In order to be CCA sanctioned and scored (Regional and National) an individual class license cannot exclude breeds, coat lengths, or colours. The individual class must be judged by a licensed judge as per Article 1, Section 1 - j, k, l, m and o.

The show license fee must be received by the Registrar within 10 days of a verbal confirmation or the date will be made available for other CCA clubs.

- c) ~~A show cannot be advertised unless the show license has been paid for.~~ All CCA clubs in good standing may advertise and promote their next show held in the new show season.
- d) Clubs who have outstanding fees will not be granted a show license until all fees are paid. Outstanding fees include those owed to the CCA office, Clerks, Master Clerks and the Judges officiating. Monies owed to CCA office will be charged interest at the rate of 2% per month after 30 days.

### Section 2

Licenses for shows shall not be granted unless a fee of not less than \$1.00 per cat is charged. Entry fees may be graduated to attract multiple entries, but under no circumstances may free entries be permitted.

### Section 3

- a) The show administration fees are \$0.60/per entry/per ring (plus tax). ~~Bonus Rings will be charged as two separate rings (Specialty and All-Breed).~~ Bonus Rings will be charged as Specialty rings and the show administration fees for Bonus rings are \$0.30/per entry/per ring (plus tax).
- b) The payment of the show administration fees must be submitted with the show results package sent to the CCA Head office.
- c) The show administration fees payable must be calculated on the entries received, not on the cats present and/or judged at the show.

## ARTICLE 4 - DUTIES OF THE SHOW COMMITTEE

### Section 1

- a) A Show Manager and Show Committee must be appointed by the club or society prior to the opening of a show and the names of all officials printed in the show catalogue.
- b) The Show Committee must consist of at least 5 persons familiar with the Show Rules and procedures.

### Section 2

Show Announcements (Flyers) sent out by the club soliciting entries shall include the following information:

- a) The names of the judges, date of the show, address of the show hall, entry fee, other fees such as "kitten for sale" cages, marked catalogues, marked final sheets, and disposition of all payments including advertising.
- b) It must be stated whether the club will provide food and litter for the show; the name, address, and telephone number of the Entry Clerk and the closing date for entries.

The following must also be printed on the Show Flyer:

- i) "This show shall be sanctioned by the Canadian Cat Association and all its rules and regulations shall be maintained." A copy of the Show Rules and Classifications may be obtained from:

The Canadian Cat Association  
5045 Orbitor Drive  
Building 12, Suite 102  
Mississauga, ON L4W 4Y4

- ii) No liability shall attain to the club conducting or sponsoring a show in the event of loss or damage to a cat or container. This applies to the Show Committee or to any individual member of the club.
- iii) Exhibitors are responsible for a correct description of their entries and must abide by their own errors. Cats wrongfully entered in a cat show cannot receive prizes in these classes except at the discretion of the Show Committee when an error is the exhibitors.
- iv) Suitable lodgings and directions to the show hall will accompany confirmation of entries.
- v) All cats entered in Championship, Premiership, or Kitten classes must be registered **or registerable** with CCA, with the exception of listed entries and household pets that have not yet obtained the title of Companion. Kittens may be entered with a CCA litter registration number.

Effective May 1, 1997, listed entries must have a CCA listing number in order to be entered. A listing number must be obtained from the CCA office by sending applicable fee per current fee schedule along with the name of the cat, registration number from the other registry, the name of the host club, and the date of the show to be entered. The entry must be registered within 60 days of the show to receive any of the points they were awarded. The show entry form and entry fee must be sent to the Entry Clerk, who will hold it until notified by the CCA office with the listing number, at which time the entry will be processed provided that entries have not closed. Please note that each listing fee is only applicable for one show

weekend. Failure of payment for listing fee disqualifies the exhibitor and all their cats from future CCA sanctioned shows and will not be credited for any wins nor further registrations or services until their debts are paid to CCA.

A REGISTRATION PENDING NUMBER is provided to listed cats/kittens who wish to compete at a CCA show and earn points and awards in any competitive category, i.e., qualifying Winners Rings, title points earned, and regional/national scoring will be credited to the cat/kitten. The registration pending number is obtained by the exhibitor from the CCA Central Office. Registration Pending numbers will be issued by the registrar upon receipt of a three generation pedigree (or whatever is required for registration of that breed if more than three generations are required) issued by a cat registering body recognized by CCA, with all cats on the pedigree being acceptable for that breed per current CCA registration. The Registration Pending Fee is non-refundable. Upon acceptance, the pending registration number will remain valid for 30 days from the first day of the first show. CCA Office will notify any exhibitor whose temporary registration is rejected with the explanation for such decision.

Wins will be voided if a cat competed in a competitive category not otherwise eligible based on its permanent registration, (i.e., offspring of a “not-for-breeding” cat).

Registration pending numbers will be listed in the catalogue as if they were permanent. Cats/kittens may compete and continue to earn points for 30 days from the first day of the first show where they have obtained a registration pending number. That number should be used on all subsequent entries after the first show for the 30-day period or until the cat obtains a permanent registration number. At the end of this 30-day period, the cat/kitten may not be shown without a permanent registration number.

Cats/kittens, altered or unaltered, shown with a registration pending number must be registered with CCA in order to receive regional or national awards.

In the case where associations are to fault in the slow reception of documents required to register a non-CCA kitten/cat/premiere in CCA, an extension will be given to exhibitors holding an RPN to allow that number to be used for longer than 30 days. This will be approved on a case by case basis.

- vi) A RUSH service for registrations is available from the CCA office. In addition to the usual fee for the service being requested, a RUSH FEE per current fee schedule) per registration is required. An EXPRESS POST envelope must also be provided with the RUSH registration request and fee, otherwise the registration will be sent by regular mail.
- vii) No cat may be withdrawn or entry fees withheld after the closing date of the show.
- viii) Failure of payment for entries disqualifies the exhibitor and all his cats from future sanctioned shows until all debts are paid to the club(s) involved.
- ix) Exhibitors are permitted to withdraw their cats under any judge(s) officiating at the show, PROVIDED it is stated at the TIME OF ENTRY.
- x) No kitten may enter the show room under four (4) months of age, with the exception of kittens for sale from CCA recorded Experimental and New Breeds, or CCA Registered breeds whose minimum age allowed is 3 calendar months. The age of the recorded or registered kittens must be documented by a CCA litter slip. The age of the kittens must be documented by a CCA Litter Registration. The exhibitor must leave the show with any remaining cats or kittens entered in the show or present for sale and is shall be subject to

reprimand, fine or suspension of privileges as provided in Article 14, Section 1 of the CCA Show Rules.

- xi) All Household Pets must be neutered or spayed by the age of 6 months in order to be shown in the Household Pet class.
- xii) Household Pet kittens or cats may not be sold or promoted for sale at CCA shows with the exception of legitimate rescue shelters, who may arrange for the adoption of homeless felines with the host club's permission.

### *Section 3*

Show flyers must be sent to the following people:

Show Judges, CCA Registrar, Chairman of the Board of Examiners, Chats Canada Cats Editor, CCA Executive Secretary.

### *Section 4*

No changes in classification of entries except as provided in these rules may be made after the opening of the show.

### *Section 5*

- a) Show Managers are prohibited from accepting substitute cats or kittens in place of regular entries after the catalogue has been printed.
- b) All entries must appear in the catalogue.

### *Section 6*

- a) A minimum of 10 judging cages must be provided in each ring. When two single specialty judges are officiating at a show the club must set up an additional ring in order for the two judges to be working at the same time. It is recommended that 12 judging cages be provided in each ring.
- b) Judging cages must be completely separated by sheets of non-porous material such as metal or heavy plastic. This barrier must be mounted in a manner permitting cleaning between the presentation of each cat.
- c) Stacking of cages will not be permitted.
- d) Non-benched shows are not permitted. The Show Committee shall assign benching cages for all entries. All entries of a particular exhibitor and/or agent shall be benched together.
- e) Dismantling of cages shall be left to the discretion of the Show Committee, but cannot be initiated while cats are still in judge's cages.
- f) The Show Committee shall ensure that adequate lighting is provided in the judging area, so that judges may clearly distinguish the exact shade of eye and coat colour of each entry.
- g) That all judging cages must be on standard tables with solid legs (not collapsible wire frames).



## Section 7

Any cat entered contrary to the Show Rules and/or wrongly entered by the exhibitor may, upon protest be disqualified by a majority vote of the Show Committee and be removed from the competition.

## Section 8

- a) The Show Committee shall appoint a Licensed Senior Clerk **OR** a Licensed Master Clerk to act as the show's Master Clerk. The Show Committee shall also appoint at least one person to act as a Senior Clerk and if possible one person to act as an Assistant Clerk to each Judge. One Licensed Senior Clerk may assist the show's official Master Clerk in order to gain knowledge of the job (also see Article 10, Section 1, as well as Appendix 2).

It is recommended that the Show Committee is responsible for having all ring cards sorted into the appropriate classes and sex PRIOR to the beginning of the show.

## Section 9

- a) The **Show Secretary** or other appointed person is responsible for preparing the Judges' Books, including those of the Apprentice Judges as stipulated by the Board of Examiner's Chairman.
- b) The Judges' Books shall be properly made up in sequence by catalogue numbers (not in order of judging). ~~A minimum of 5 lines should be left between colour classes.~~ **A minimum of one-half inch should be left between breed classes.** The colour, breed, sex, class, age (indicated in years and months), and the entry number for each entry must appear in the Judges' Books. At least ~~2 lines~~ **1-line** should be left between each class (Open, Champion, Grand Champion) to allow for transfers. (See Article 9, Section 8).
- c) The Show Secretary or other appointed person should prepare a folder for each judge and the following information should be placed in it:
- **The 2-part NCR** Judges' Book
  - ~~3-part~~ **2-part** NCR Finals Pages. **The** general information (i.e., name of club, date, place, etc.) should be completed by the Show Secretary or other appointed person when possible; so all the judge **has must** to do is fill in the numbers and sign the forms.
  - Transfer and Absentee sheet (blank).
  - **2-part NCR** Disqualification/Change of Classification sheet (blank)
  - **2-part NCR** An Expense Account Sheet. (This form can be partially completed, i.e. name of the club, place, etc. including the fee for the number of cats the judge will be handling which appear in the catalogue).
  - **2-part NCR Ring Clerk Evaluation sheet**
  - A Judging Schedule.
  - Adequate number of pens, pencils, correcting fluid, and scratch pads.
  - A stiff piece of cardboard to block out NCR forms.
  - One empty envelope (~~for the Judges' Book, final sheets, and Disqualification Sheet~~). ~~This envelope will be sealed by the Judge (with the Judge's signature over the seal) and given to the Show Secretary at the end of the show for him/her to dispatch to the CCA Office along with the appropriate number of marked and unmarked catalogues. (See Art. 4, Sect. 9 g)~~
  - **Ring Clerk Evaluation Form.**
- d) The Judge's folder shall be placed in the hands of the Judge upon entry into the ring.
- e) It is the responsibility of the Show Secretary, or other appointed person to record all absentees, changes, and

omissions on the Transfer and Absentee list. The Show Secretary shall sit beside the Entry Clerk while the exhibitors are checking in and record what the Entry Clerk has reported to him/her in the form of absentees, changes, omissions, and transfers.

- f) Immediately before the show is to begin, the Show Secretary or other appointed person will give one copy of the completed Transfer and Absentee List to the following people:
- Each Senior Clerk in each ring;
  - Announcer;
  - Master Clerk.
- g) The Show Secretary or other person shall dispatch:
- i) The payment of the Show Administration Fees, the Judges' Books (including the CCA Office copy of the finals sheet, and the Disqualification Sheet) in their sealed envelopes within 48 hours of the close of the show along with documents listed in Article 4, Section 9g ii) to the CCA Office. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULING WILL SUBJECT THE CLUB TO A FINE OF \$10.00 PER DAY. POSTAL DATE TO DETERMINE AMOUNT OF FINE.
  - ii) The final Master Clerk's catalog, judges' finals, breed sheets, Best of the Best scoring sheets and the Daily Counts documenting the number of Champions, Grand Champions, etc. will be emailed within 48 hours of the close of the show to the All Canadian Scorers and the Clerking Chairman. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULING WILL SUBJECT THE CLUB TO A FINE OF \$10.00 PER DAY.
  - iii) A marked catalogue and the completed Judges' Evaluation sheets will be emailed to the Chairman of the Board of Examiners of CCA within 48 hours of the close of the show
  - iv) All other required catalogues, final sheets, and show correspondence should be emailed (or mailed if email address is not available) within 1 week of the date of the show without fail.

#### *Section 10*

- a) It is the responsibility of the Show Manager or the Assistant Show Manager to ensure that the judging commences at the advertised time. It is also the responsibility of the Show Manager or other appointed person to ensure that all aspects of the show are running smoothly. He should contact his committee chairmen from time to time throughout the show to be sure that they have carried through with their responsibilities.
- b) The Show Manager or Assistant Show Manager or other appointed person shall provide the show with an adequate First Aid Kit.
- c) It is recommended that the Show Manager or other appointed person calculate the number of cats/hour/ring which need to be handled in order for the show to finish by the advertised time. This schedule should be provided to each judge at the beginning of the show.
- d) The Show Manager has the authority and responsibility to advise judges if they are behind schedule.

#### *Section 11*

The Show Treasurer or his assistant or other appointed person shall be responsible for all cash and cheques coming in and out of the show hall. At the end of the show, he is responsible for checking the Judge's Expense accounts for correctness

and for issuing cash or a cheque to a judge. When the show is over, the Show Treasurer must count all cash with another member of the Show Committee to attest to the total cash on hand.

### *Section 12*

It is the responsibility of the Rosettes/Ribbons and Prizes Chairman or other appointed person to provide each ring with the appropriate ribbons, rosettes, and prizes. He must also set these up for the Judge to start the show. It is also this Chairman's responsibility to provide extra ribbons in case a ring runs out of same. If there are money rings, this Chairman should ensure that he receives either cheques or cash from the Show Treasurer or other appointed person to pass on to the Judge or Judges who will award these prizes.

### *Section 13*

The Hospitality Chairman or other appointed person is responsible for transporting the judges to and from the show hall.

Likewise, the Hospitality Chairman or other appointed person is responsible for providing refreshments and lunches for the judges, clerks, and stewards throughout the show.

Clubs should provide a lunch area for the judges which is away from the exhibitors so that the judges may enjoy their lunch without being disturbed or delayed.

### *Section 14*

The Show Announcer will be appointed by the club. The Show Announcer should be familiar with the CCA Show Rules and should have on hand an up-to-date edition of these rules in case there are any questions during the show.

As Canada is officially bilingual, all announcements at the show should be made in French and English. The Show Announcer shall:

- a) Announce any changes in entries at the beginning of the show (i.e. absentees, class changes, etc.)
- b) Be supplied with numbers called for in each ring, if not able to see ring numbers.
- c) Be supplied with the show catalogue and judging schedule.
- d) Make any announcements during the show, subject to the approval of the show committee (i.e. upcoming CCA shows, advertisements, draw prizes, etc.)
- e) Be located at a central point in the show hall provided the gate or exhibitor movements is not interrupted. He should be provided with a microphone, a small table and two chairs, pens, and paper. If possible this should all be placed on a small platform.
- f) Should call cats to ring twice (2) only.
- g) Assist in keeping the show running smoothly.
- h) Advise spectators to clear the way for cats coming to the rings if the hall is crowded.
- i) Advise spectators to keep out of the judging rings and to keep fingers out of the cages at all times.
- j) Announce any other items that the Show Manager may direct.

k) Announce the cat numbers called for finals.

### Section 15

The Entry Clerk or other appointed person's responsibilities before the show are as follows:

- a) He/she receives all entries from exhibitors prior to the closing date of a given show as stated on the Show Flyer, or until the required number of cats is received prior to the closing date (200 cats maximum for a one-day show).
- b) Upon receipt of entries, he/she then types up a confirmations which could include a check-in copy, a club file copy, the Entry Clerk's file copy and a catalogue copy (the latter is only required if the club were doing a "one-typing" system and the original being pasted into the catalogue).
- c) The Entry Clerk or other appointed person is required to type on the confirmation the following information:
  - Breed;
  - Colour;
  - Class;
  - Name of Cat;
  - Registration Number;
  - Birth date of Cat;
  - Age in years and months;
  - Sire;
  - Dam;
  - Breeder;
  - Owner
  - Agent (if named)

The Entry Clerk shall also include any other information that may apply (i.e. payment of fees for double cages or marked catalogues, etc.). The breakdown of costs and total amount of payment by exhibitor must also be shown on the confirmation form.

- d) The Entry Clerk, or other appointed person, must send their confirmations to exhibitors within 14 days after receipt of the entry form. The confirmation must be accompanied with directions to the show hall, suitable accommodations available near the show hall and show time.
- e) The Entry Clerk or other appointed person must assign each cat a catalogue number and put the entire show in the order in which it would appear in the catalogue. The Entry Clerk then gives this information to the committee who will put the catalogue together.
- f) The Entry Clerk or other appointed person must also bench the entire show, or provide exhibitors' benching instructions to a member of the Show Committee.
- g) If the show is cancelled, the Entry Clerk or other appointed person must refund all money owed to exhibitors. The Entry Clerk must also inform the Registrar of CCA if the show is cancelled.
- h) It is recommended that the entry clerk or other appointed person shall organize the show schedule so that the finals are held throughout the show and are not left until the end of the show.

- i) The Entry Clerk shall email the show entries on an Excel spreadsheet catalogue to the All Canadian Scorers no later than 3 full days prior to the start of the show. The format sent should preferably be a word document, unless otherwise agreed to by the chair of the scorers committee.

The Entry Clerk's (or other appointed person) responsibilities at the show are as follows: As the exhibitors check in with the Entry Clerk prior to the show, the Entry Clerk will ask the exhibitors if there are any changes to their entries. If there are, the Entry Clerk or Show Secretary or other appointed person will note these changes on the Transfer/Absentee list. If money is owed to the club by exhibitors, the Entry Clerk or other appointed person is responsible to collect when exhibitors are entering the show hall. If an exhibitor does not pay outstanding owed money, he/she will be barred from the show hall (See Art. 14, Sect. 2). This must be strictly adhered to.

#### *Section 16*

- a) In any show where there are two separate judges doing single specialties, there must be an additional judging ring set up so that both judges can judge simultaneously.
- b) The Show Committee shall provide a strong adequate table or bench as the Judge's working area, covered in a washable material such heavy plastic. Paper towels, disinfectant, and a spray bottle shall be provided for each judge and steward appointed to clean cages in each ring. Only such disinfectants as supplied by the Show Committee may be used by the judge. Where possible a small table is to be provided to raise the height of the Judge's work surface to a more comfortable height.

#### *Section 17*

- a) Clubs are required to participate in the CCA/AFC third party liability group insurance program. The program will provide clubs with 2 million third party liability. Annual fees are to be remitted with club affiliation fees on the 1st of January. A 2-tier fee system is in place for non-showing and showing clubs.
- b) Clubs are required to participate in a CCA/AFC personal liability insurance plan for all Executive, Directors and Committee Chairs. This insurance is to protect volunteers from personal liability arising from their committee work or duties. Annual fees are to be remitted with Club affiliation fees on the first of January.

#### *Section 18*

No liability shall attain to the club conducting or sponsoring a show in the event of loss or damage to a cat or container. This applies to the Show Committee or any individual member.

#### *Section 19*

If a club fails to have as many judges as it advertises in its flyer, a rebate or credit for a future show shall be issued within 14 days after the show to the exhibitor, in proportion to the amount allotted to each ring.

#### *Section 20*

It is recommended that all CCA Clubs assume the responsibility of accepting Apprentice Judges at all shows upon the request of the Chairman of the Board of Examiners.

## ARTICLE 5 - ELIGIBILITY FOR EXHIBITION

### Section 1

- a) Any cat in sound health is eligible for exhibition at shows held in accordance with the rules of the CCA, providing all rules are adhered to as herein set forth. Cats recovering from recent surgery (or injury) where the incision (or wound) has not completely healed, stitches removed, etc. are ineligible for competition. **Cats from a house or cattery where there has been any infectious or contagious illness within 28 days prior to the first day of the Show are ineligible for competition.**
- b) No kitten or cat may be entered in the Kitten, Championship, or Premiership classes if it lacks any physical property - eyes, ears, legs, and excepting Manx and Cymric a tail.
- c) Any adult male cat with one or both testicles recessed may not receive any awards in the Championship classes.
- d) No obviously pregnant or lactating queen may be entered for competition or exhibition.
- e) Declawed cats will not be accepted in any class at CCA/AFC sanctioned shows.
- f) Soft Paws brand of end of nail tip covers for cats in clear format are allowed for all entries in Kitten, Championship, Premiership and Household Pet classes.

### Section 2

- a) Any cat having proved to be vicious at a CCA sanctioned show (Disqualified Vicious) may not be entered for competition. The Registrar of CCA shall notify the owner in writing that the cat may not be entered at a CCA show again.
- b) Any cat from which an award has been withheld (W/A) by three (3) different judges may not be entered for competition. The Registrar shall notify the owner in writing that the cat may not be entered at a CCA show again.
- c) Withhold Awards (W/A) received by an entry in the Kitten or Championship classes will not be carried forward to the next progressive class (i.e., a kitten may enter Championship or Premiership class, a cat may enter Premiership class).

### Section 3

Cats born after May 1, 1976, carrying F1 in the CCA registration number may not be shown in the Championship classes with the exception of those breeds recognized for Championship status by CCA that allow F1 cats to be shown.

### Section 4

All breeds entered in Championship/Premiership classes must be CCA registered with the exception of cats which have purchased a Listed Open or a Registration Pending number from CCA (see Article 15, Section 3). Kittens can be entered in a CCA show without a listing number, Registration Pending number, CCA litter registration number or CCA individual registration number (See Article 15, Section 2).

## ARTICLE 6 - ENTRY PROCEDURES

### *Section 1*

Any person entering a cat or kitten in a show held under the rules of the Canadian Cat Association, shall by such an act, be considered to have agreed to abide by and be subject to these rules, and to accept the decision of the officiating judge as final.

### *Section 2*

- a) All fees must accompany entry forms and no fees shall be refunded or returned for absentees or cats disqualified under the provisions of Article 7, Section 2; Article 12, Section 12.
- b) No cats may be withdrawn, or entry fees withheld after the advertised closing date of the show. Exhibitors may withdraw entries without penalty prior to the advertised closing date of the show.
- c) Failure of payment for entries disqualifies the exhibitor and all his cats from future sanctioned shows until all debts are paid to the club or clubs involved. If the debt is not paid in full, the club shall notify the CCA Registrar and Secretary to place a hold on all wins of said cat or cats and they will not be credited for any wins at any CCA shows nor will any further registrations be accepted from them until all debts are paid in full.
- d) Exhibitors are permitted to withdraw their cats under judge(s) officiating at a show providing it is stated at the time of entry. The exhibitor's entries will be marked (XXX) in the individual Judge's book ONLY. This notation WILL NOT APPEAR in the Show Catalogue.
- e) The Listed Open fee is per current fee schedule (fee non-deductible and non-refundable). The number issued by the CCA Office is valid for one show weekend only. The cat may not be shown again as a Listed Open, and must become registered with CCA before the title of Champion/Premier may be claimed. Any title points won as a Listed Open will be banked on their record until registration and title have been confirmed. See Article 15, Section 3b).
- f) The Registration Pending fee is per current fee schedule (fee non-deductible and not refundable). The number issued by the CCA Office is valid for 30 days from the first day of its first show. Once the 30 day limit has expired, the cat may not be shown again without an individual CCA registration number. See Article 3, Section 2b). In the case where associations are to fault in the slow reception of documents required to register a non-CCA kitten/cat/premiere in CCA, an extension will be given to exhibitors holding an RPN to allow that number to be used for longer than 30 days. This will be approved on a case by case basis.

### Section 3

- a) Each entry must show:
- i) Cat/kitten name.
  - ii) CCA individual, litter, listing, or registration pending number
  - iii) Date of Birth and Age (in years and months)
  - iv) Sire and Dam
  - v) Breeder, Owner, and Agent (if any)
  - vi) No other association title or number may be used. Household pets and listing numbers excepted (Art. 4, Sect. 2b[v] and Art. 6, Sect 3d).
  - vii) To assist in the Regional Scoring, exhibitors must indicate their region on the entry form and these regional numbers must be printed in the catalogue after the owner's name:

Region 1 – Ontario	Region 2 – Quebec	Region 3 – Maritimes
Region 4 – West	Region 5 – Prairies	Region 6 - International

Failure to provide the preceding information or to pay entry fee will forfeit all wins.

- b) No entry need be accepted after of the advertised closing time and date, or after the advertised limit of entries has been received.
- c) Cats or Kittens entered for competition must be the property of the registered owner. Leased cats **MUST** be entered in the owner's name, with the name of the lessee added if desired.
- d) i) Listed Open numbers and/or Registration Pending numbers must be obtained by the Exhibitor from the CCA office prior to entering a CCA sanctioned cat show.
- ii) The Listed Open Number will be issued upon receipt of the name of the cat, birth date, breed, colour/pattern, sire, dam, breeder, owner, individual registration number from another cat registry, the name of the host club and date of show along with applicable fee. A Listed Open Number is applicable for one show weekend only, after which the cat may not be shown again until registered with CCA. See Article 15, Section 3b).
- e) The Registration Pending number will be issued upon receipt of a three-generation pedigree (or whatever is required for registration of that breed if more than three generations are required) which identifies all the ancestry on the pedigree being acceptable for that breed per current CCA registration, the name of the cat and individual registration number from another cat registry, date of birth, breed, colour/pattern, sire, dam, breeder, owner, with all cats on the pedigree being acceptable for that breed per current CCA registration, the name of the cat, date of birth, breed, colour/pattern, sire, dam, breeder, owner, individual registration number from another cat registry recognized by CCA, the name of the host club and date of show, along with the applicable fee. A Registration Pending number is applicable for 30 days from the first date of the first show the cat is entered in after which the cat may not be shown again until registered with CCA. See Article 4 Section 2b). In the case where associations are to fault in the slow reception of documents required to register a non-CCA kitten/cat/premiere in CCA, an extension will be given to exhibitors holding an RPN to allow that number to be used for longer than 30 days. This will be approved on a case by case basis.



#### *Section 4*

- a) Exhibitors are responsible for a correct description on the entry form and must abide by their own errors. Cats wrongfully entered in the wrong classification (i.e. Kitten, Open, Champion, Grand Champion, Premier, Grand Premier, Companion, Grand Companion) cannot receive prizes in the wrong class. The only exception to this rule is when the entry form is viewed and, at the discretion of the Show Committee, prizes won can be kept when no fault of the exhibitors.
- b) Exhibitors that arrive after the advertised check-in time are responsible for informing the Master Clerk and each of the Senior Ring Clerks of their arrival and any changes.

#### *Section 5*

Exhibitors unable to accompany their entries must arrange for and name an agent to care for such entries; or a person attending the show may be named as agent. The name of the agent should be stated at the time of entry and be listed in the show catalogue.

#### *Section 6*

- a) A CCA recorded cat or kitten (Experimental or New Breed) or registered cat or kitten may be listed as "For Sale" in the show catalogue at the discretion of the Show Committee. When eligible, the cat or kitten may compete in its regular class.
- b) No kitten may compete in the show under four (4) months of age. Kittens that are in the show hall for sale must be at least three calendar months (3) of age and must provide proof of vaccinations. The age of the kittens must be documented by a CCA Litter Registration. Exhibitors found guilty of violation of this rule forfeit the right to remain in the show hall. The exhibitor must leave the show with any remaining cats or kittens entered in show or present for sale and is also subject to reprimand, fine or suspension of privileges as provided in Article 14, Section 1 of the CCA Show Rules.
- c) Only an exhibitor can be supplied with a kitten/cat for sale cage.
- d) A maximum of one adult cat or two kittens may be benched in a single show sale cage (double show sale cage; maximum of three adult cats or five kittens).

### ARTICLE 7 - VETERINARY AND HEALTH REGULATIONS

It is advised by the Canadian Cat Association that all cats and kittens be vaccinated against Feline Panleukopenia and Respiratory Syndrome prior to the show.

#### *Section 1*

CCA Clubs may at their option hold vetted or non-vetted shows. This information **MUST** be included on the show flyer. Clubs are responsible for the expenses incurred should they choose to hold a vetted show. Provisions must be made by the club for a Veterinarian to be on call for the duration of the show. A pre-determined fee must be established with the Veterinarian prior to the date of the show.

## *Section 2*

- a) Any protest by an exhibitor, show committee, or any other person, of an ill cat shall be determined by a Veterinarian.
- b) If the cat is found to be ill, the exhibitor will be liable for the Veterinarian's expenses.
- c) If the cat is found to be in good health, the protestor will be liable for the Veterinarian's expenses.
- d) If the cat is found to be in ill health, the cat shall be removed from the show hall and the exhibitor forfeits the right to remain in the show hall. The exhibitor must leave the show with any remaining cats or kittens entered in show or present for sale.

## ARTICLE 8 - SHOW PROCEDURES AND CONDUCT

### *Section 1*

- a) Cats and kittens shall not be judged with ribbons on their necks or with similar identification marks. Tattoos that are required for registration by a government or cat association shall not disqualify an entry from full participation in CCA shows.
- b) gOn a trial basis, CCA may accept a program of tattooing or micro-chipping with the aid of volunteer breeders, with the aim of protecting the breeder and the buyer.

### *Section 2*

- a) All entries for competition must remain during the advertised hours of the show unless given permission to leave by the Show Committee.
- b) In the case of:
  - i) Back to back shows or a show held over two days, entries must be taken from the show room at night.
  - ii) In the case of a show held over two days, failure to return any entry to the show room by commencement of judging the following day, without permission of the Show Committee, shall result in forfeiture of any awards won by such entries on the previous day.
  - iii) Anyone attending a CCA sanctioned cat show---which includes but is not limited to exhibitors, spectators, vendors---shall behave in a sportsmanlike and polite manner. Confrontations, bullying or other unprofessional behaviour reported to the Show Manager will not be tolerated and will render the person or persons responsible to ejection from the show hall and possible disciplinary action.
- c) Under no circumstances may entries be removed from the show during the judging except by reason of Veterinarian/Animal Health Technician's instructions, or by permission of the Show Committee.

### *Section 3*

- a) When an advertised judge does not officiate, an exhibitor may withdraw his entries from competition in the ring before judging commences.
- b) When an entry becomes too nervous or intractable during the show, the exhibitor may, in consultation with the Show Committee, have the entry withdrawn and the entry so marked in the Judge's Books as **WITHDRAWN**.
- c) Under no circumstances may an entry be withdrawn from competition once judging commences except as provided in Article 12, Section 10 or Article 6, Section 2d.

### *Section 4*

- a) Exhibitors must not draw attention to their entries, nor make any comments on exhibits within the judge's hearing.
- b) Unpleasant criticism of the management or judging unsupported by proper protest will be regarded as a violation of the Show Rules and will render the person or persons responsible to ejection from the show room and forfeiture of all prizes won.
- c) Anyone attending a CCA sanctioned cat show---which includes but is not limited to exhibitors, spectators, vendors--shall behave in a sportsmanlike and polite manner. Confrontations, bullying or other unprofessional behaviour reported to the Show Manager will not be tolerated and will render the person or persons responsible to ejection from the show hall and possible disciplinary action.

### *Section 5*

Exhibitors or agents having benched the entry in the judging ring may have no further contact with the entry until all ribbons have been hung. However, a judge may call upon the exhibitor or agent to bring the entry to the judge's table, should the cat appear to be unmanageable.

### *Section 6*

- a) No flyers, pamphlets, circulars, etc. are allowed in the show hall excepting flyers announcing future CCA sanctioned shows. Other flyers, pamphlets, circulars, etc. must have prior approval of the Show Committee or the Show Manager.
- b) Only breeds currently CCA registered or CCA recorded (Experimental or New Breed Classes) may have information promoting the breed at a show. Any standards used to promote a breed must be the accepted CCA standards for the breed.

### *Section 7*

As a part of their training, an Apprentice Judge may officiate as a HHP Judge (Companion Class). Such assignments must be arranged by the Chairman of the Board of Examiners in co-operation with a host club. No fees or expenses would be paid to the Apprentice for this assignment. Where possible a separate ring should be set up for this assignment.

## Section 8

- a) Only domesticated cats entered for competition, sale or exhibition in a CCA/AFC sanctioned cat show are allowed to be in the benching area or judging area of the cat show.
- b) Cats with a non-domestic ancestor (wild gene) as a parent, grandparent, or great grandparent are not allowed at CCA shows. Only cats recorded/registered with CCA as F4 (or more) generations away from the non-domestic ancestor are allowed in the show hall or handled by the judges.

## Section 9

That judging is to take precedence over finals. A cat that is present and being judged in another ring does not have to be present for a final.

## Section 10

Any rosettes or awards won in previous shows may not be exhibited, unless they were awarded that same show weekend.

## Section 11

All children under the age of 13 must have a parent present in the show hall during the time that the cat is in the judge's ring.

## Section 12

Male entries, excluding the HHP class, must not be placed in adjoining cages at any time. For the purposes of this rule, two corner cages at a 90 degree or greater angle to each other are considered to be adjoining cages. When benching entries in the judging ring, clerks will, where possible, attempt to accommodate reasonable requests made by exhibitors.

## Section 13

HHP Exhibitors or HHP Agents may not use awards for commercial gain or to sell kittens at CCA shows

## ARTICLE 9 - CATALOGUE AND JUDGES' BOOKS

### Section 1

An official CCA Championship Claim Form or facsimile must be printed ~~or inserted in the show catalogue.~~ and available at the show.

### Section 2

The introductory (credit) page must contain the following information:

- a) The full name of the club or clubs sponsoring the show.
- b) The names and ~~address~~ **address City, Province (State)** of all officiating judges, their association affiliation and type of show they are judging (i.e. Longhair Specialty, All Breed, Double Specialty, etc.)

Example:

John Judge Joyce	Anyplace, Ontario	CCA	All Breed
Judge Jerry Judge	Anyplace, Anystate, USA	CFF	LH/SH

- c) The names of the Show Committee and their positions as officials of the show.
- d) A notice that all Kittens, Championship, Premiership and Household Pet entries will be scored for All Canadian and Regional Awards. See also Article 15, Section 10a.

### Section 3

All entries must appear in numerical order in the printed catalogue that is required at shows held under these rules.

### Section 4

The name of each entry, its CCA individual, litter, listing or registration pending, date of birth, age, sire, dam, and the names of the breeder and owner (name of agent should also appear if supplied) must all be printed in the catalogue. Regional area numbers must be printed with entry name in the catalogue.

### Section 5

- a) CCA titles of Champion, International Champion, Grand Champion, International Grand Champion, Master Grand Champion, Supreme Master Grand Champion, Premier, International Premier, Grand Premier, International Grand Premier, Master Grand Premier, Supreme Master Grand Premier, Companion, Grand Companion, International Grand Companion, Master Grand Companion and Supreme Master Grand Companion must NOT appear in the catalogue listing as part of the entry's name.
- b) If a cat is shown in the Championship Division and attains any titles i.e., CH to SMGC those titles should follow the cat forever. If the same cat is shown in the Premiership Division, the same would apply, that is, "all" titles earned in both Divisions should remain with the cat for pedigree purposes. The same would apply to Breed Winner, Regional Winner and Canadian National titles when technically possible.

### Section 6

When multiple rings are held concurrently, the catalogue must be printed in the following manner:

- a) A column for each ring must be headed with the name or initials of the officiating judge and ring number.
- b) The entry's number, its name (in capital letters with no title indicated) and spaces for its awards must appear on the same line. In the event of a back-to-back show within a single catalogue, the number and class is to be printed next to both marking areas.
- c) **All headings (Name of Breed, Colour, and Competitive Class) should be centered on the page. Breed should be centered on the page, the Colour class, name, registration number, sire and dam, breeder, owner, agent must be left aligned on the page. The birthdate to appear on the same line as the registration number.**

d) The following abbreviations should be used:

- KIT - Kitten
- OPC - Open in Championship Class
- LOPC – Listed Open in Championship Class
- CH - Champion
- GCH - Grand Champion
- OPP - Open in Premiership Class
- LOPP - Listed Open in Premiership Class
- PR - Premier
- GPR - Grand Premier
- AOV - Any Other Variety EXP - Experimental
- HPO - Household Pet
- CO – Household Pet Companion
- GCO – Household Pet Grand Companion
- HPK - Household Pet Kitten [Abbreviation to be used when a HHP Kitten class is offered. See Article 15, Section 8 b]
- NB - New Breed

e) If an entry is listed as being "For Sale" on the Entry Form, this information should be entered in the catalogue following the owner's name.

Example of catalogue breed listing (back-to-back show):

1	2	3	4	5
AJ	BJ	CJ	DJ	EJ
FJ	KJ	LJ	MJ	NJ

SOMALI A POIL COURT - SHORTHAIR SOMALI

FEMELLE LIEVRE - RUDDY FEMALE - OPEN

SOME CAT NAME	126								
123456-789012 92/02/14 0.09	OPN	Sam/Sat	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sire: GrCh Tom Cat									
Dame: Int. Ch Miss Cat	OPN	Dim/Sun	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Breeder: John Jones									
Owner: Jessie Jones	(1)								
FOR SALE									

f) Entries in the catalogue should appear in the following order: LH Kittens, SH Kittens, LH Championship, SH Championship, LH Alters, SH Alters, **HHP, LH HHP, SH HHP.**

Within each category, breeds must appear exactly as listed in Article VI, of the Rules of Registration (Appendix 1). (colour listing available from CCA office)

g) The Best in Show (Finals Sheets) must appear in the catalogue. **and shall conform to the appropriate CCA formats. New format for 2012.**

h) A Judging Schedule for each Judge must be included in the catalogue (preferably the back cover).

## Section 7

If the Show Standard for any breed is printed in the catalogue or available for distribution at a CCA show, the standard must be the exact CCA Standard for the Breed.

## Section 8

a) All Judges books will be printed on 2-part NCR paper and will include the following information (See Article 4, Section 9 b):

- Breed
- Colour
- Sex
- Class
- Age (in years and months)
- Entry Number

Honorary titles such as International Champion/Premier, International Grand Champion/Premier, Double Grand Champion/ Premier/Companion, Master Grand Champion/Premier/Companion, Supreme Master Grand Champion/Premier/Companion must NOT appear in the Judges' Books.

b) At the end of each breed in the Championship classes the following should appear:

- Best of Breed
- 2nd Best of Breed
- Best Champion of Breed
- Best Grand Champion of Breed

c) In the case of **Championship Persian**, after each division (Solid, Shaded, Tabby/Tortie, and Particolour), divisional awards shall appear:

- Best of Division
- 2nd Best of Division

d) In Alter Classes, the following should appear after each breed:

- Best Alter of Breed
- 2nd Best Alter of Breed
- Best Premier of Breed
- Best Grand Premier of Breed

e) In Kitten Classes, the following should appear after each breed:

- Best Kitten of Breed
- 2nd Best Kitten of Breed

f) In New Breed Classes the following should appear after each breed:

- Best of Breed
- 2nd Best of Breed

- g) In Experimental classes the following should appear after each breed:
  - Best of Breed
  - 2nd Best of Breed
  
- h) In the Household Pet class, the following should appear after the listing of Household Pets:
  - Best Companion
  - 2nd Best Companion
  - Best Grand Companion
  - 2nd Best Grand Companion
  
- i) The judge shall give the original top copy (white) of their book to their ring clerk to check for accuracy. The clerk will dispatch the verified white sheet to the Master Clerk (Article 10 c). The judge shall keep the yellow copy for their own records for a period of not less than 6 months from the date of the show.

### *Section 9*

A list of the entry numbers, exhibitors' names and addresses must be sent to the CCA/AFC office. A list of the entry numbers and names of exhibitors (no addresses) is to appear in the show catalogue.

## ARTICLE 10 – CLERKS AND MASTER CLERKS

### Section 1 – Ring Clerk

- a) All transfers and absentees must be clearly marked.
  
- b) The clerk shall mark a minimum of one (1) catalogue as the classes are judged with the ribbons hung by the judge (not by the judge's posting slips) and the best in show finals results as awarded
  
- c) The ring clerk shall check the Judge's slips against their own marked catalogue for any discrepancies and shall advise the Judge as soon as possible of any found. Once the Judge and the clerk agree with the correction (if any), the clerk will initial the completed posting slip.
  
- d) All checked and initialed posting slips shall be given to the show's Master Clerk in a timely fashion during the show.
  
- e) The clerk shall not offer comment on any entry or on any aspect of the judging, except to point out an incorrect entry or other error in the Judges' Book, or to draw the Judge's attention an inadvertent deviation from the Show Rules.
  
- f) The ring clerk shall carry out other such duties as the Judge shall designate.

### Section 2 – Master Clerk

- a) The Master Clerk shall consolidate all judging records to a Master Catalogue.
  
- b) The Master Clerk shall check for completeness and mechanical correctness of the original judging sheet (white) and final sheets. Discrepancies, errors or omissions found by the Master Clerk shall be reported to the appropriate clerk for correction with the judge. When Master Clerk finishes their review and agrees with the results submitted on the posting sheet they shall sign or initial each sheet.



- c) If a judge has left the show hall and is unavailable to make a correction, the Master Clerk will indicate the error, make the correction and initial it. The CCA office will take whatever steps necessary to officially correct it.
- d) Once all rings have finished and the Master Clerk has verified the results submitted as correct, the Master Clerk shall place the original copy of the Judge's **and Master Clerk's** Ring Clerk Evaluation, Disqualification sheet, original copy of the judge's posting sheets and final sheets into individual envelopes, then the Master Clerk shall seal the envelope and sign their name across the seal.
- e) The master catalogue and the Judges' envelopes would be given to the Club's Secretary or other designated person to dispatch to the CCA office as per Article 4, Section 9 g) to i). The ring catalogues once the show is closed may be kept by the clerk, club, or be discarded.

*Further information concerning Clerks, Clerking Schools, et al are listed in Appendix 2.*

## ARTICLE 11 - RIBBONS AND ROSETTES

### Section 1

- a) Flat ribbons MUST show the CCA crest and the win, with the exception of shows being held in conjunction with a local fair or exhibition.
- b) The flat ribbon colours shall be:
 

First	Red
Second	Blue
Third	White
Best of Class	Dark Green
Second Best of Class	Light Green
Best of Breed	Black
Second Best of Breed	Yellow
Best Champion or Companion of Breed	Tan
Best Grand Champion or Grand Companion of Breed	Light Blue
- c) The Best Champion and Best Grand Champion of Breed flat ribbons may be used in the Premiership class to designate the Best Premier and Best Grand Premier of Breed.
- d) Judges shall display flat ribbons or other cage signs to indicate HHP Companion placings.

### Section 2

In each All-Breed and Specialty Show, judges shall DESIGNATE BEST as follows:

- a) Best through Tenth Best Cat:

Rosettes or awards must be provided for Best to Tenth Best Cats. Rosettes or awards must be provided for Best to Fifteenth Best Cats where 60 or more cats are entered in the show. In addition, the judge must designate his Best, Second Best and Third Best Champion if there are no Champions in his final; as well as his Best and Second Best Grand Champion if there are no Grand Champions in his final. Clubs may provide rosettes or awards for these wins if they so wish.

Best through Tenth Best Kitten:

Rosettes or awards must be provided for Best to Tenth Best Kittens. Rosettes or awards must be provided for Best to Fifteenth Best Kittens where 60 or more kittens are entered in the show.

Best through Tenth Best Alter:

Rosettes or awards must be provided for Best to Tenth Best Alter where there are less than 40 cats entered, the Top Ten are awarded. Rosettes or awards must be provided for Best to Fifteenth Best Alter where 40 or more Alters are entered in the show. The judge must designate his Best, Second Best and Third Best Premier if there are no Premiers in his final; as well as his Best and Second Best Grand Premier if there are no Grand Premiers in his final. Clubs may provide rosettes or awards for these wins if they so wish.

Best through Tenth Best Household Pet:

Rosettes or awards must be provided for Best to Tenth Best Household Pets where there are less than 40 cats entered, the Top Ten are awarded. Rosettes or awards must be provided for Best to Fifteenth Best Household Pet where 40 or more Household Pets are entered in the show. The judge must designate his Best, Second Best and Third Best Companion if there are no Companions in his final; as well as his Best and Second Best Grand Companion if there are no Grand Companions in his final. At the Judge's discretion, a final rosette or award may be withheld from a Household Pet that fails to meet a Judge's criteria.

b) Judges must also designate Best Champion of Breed, Best Grand Champion of Breed, Best Premier of Breed, and Best Grand Premier of Breed. No rosettes are required for these wins.

c) In All Breed shows only, judges shall also designate:

Best and Second Best Longhair

Best and Second Best Shorthair

Best, Second Best, and Third Best All Breed Champion

Best, Second Best, and Third Best Longhair Champion

Best, Second Best, and Third Best Shorthair Champion

Best Second Best and Third Best All Breed Premier

Best Second Best and Third Best Longhair Premier

Best Second Best and Third Best Shorthair Premier

In Household Pet classes, judges shall designate:

Best, Second Best, and Third Best Companion

Awards for these could be a flat ribbon, certificate, etc. not requiring a large expense on the part of the clubs.

d) In All Breed and Longhair Specialty shows ONLY, judges must select within the Championship Persian Breed Section ONLY the following:

Best and Second Best Solid Colour Division

Best and Second Best Shaded Colour Division

Best and Second Best Tabby/Tortie Division

## Best and Second Best Particolour Division

These wins must be recorded in the Judges' Book and Finals Sheet, but rosettes are not required for same.

- e) Judges must designate awards and record in the judges' books and CCA finals sheet the following; Best of Breed and Second Best of Breed, upon completion of the judging in a particular Breed Section within the Championship, Kitten, Alter, New Breed, and Experimental Breed Classes. In the case of the Championship Persian Breed Section, Divisional Awards must also be designated and recorded in the judges' books and CCA finals sheet.

## ARTICLE 12 - JUDGES AND JUDGING PROCEDURES

### *Section 1*

Judges shall conduct themselves in a professional manner. While in the ring a judge shall have complete authority over the clerks & stewards assigned to them. A judge may request immediate replacement of the ring staff if they fail to carry out their duties to his satisfaction. Conversation between the judge, ring staff, show committee, fellow judges, and exhibitors shall be general in nature except as is allowed under these rules.

### *Section 2*

All awards and decisions shall be based upon strict adherence to the written Standards and Show Rules of CCA and shall be recorded in ink in the Judges' Book, together with all absentees and transfers.

### *Section 3*

- a) Licensed CCA judges are not permitted to hold membership or office in any other cat association or club affiliation with a cat association other than CCA. This rule does not prevent a judge holding membership in national or international specialty societies (i.e. The Siamese Cat Society, or membership in a breed section of another association). This rule does not apply to CCA judges listed as Guest Judges in other associations, nor any fees paid in this regard. The Board of Directors may upon request waive this rule as it applies to individual judges.
- b) The Board of Examiners may, by reason of show reports, protests, or letters of concern, require a judge to undertake additional training prior to renewing or upgrading his/her license. Where such concerns are under consideration, the judge in question shall be advised in writing of the area of concern and shall meet with the committee or reply in writing on the issue.
- c) A licensed judge may be granted a leave of absence from judging for a period of one year without penalty. If the time involved is greater than one year, the following retraining program may be implemented at the discretion of the Board of Examiners:
  - i) Senior Clerk for one show under an All-Breed Judge.
  - ii) Apprentice all classes for which license is being re-applied for under CCA Approved All Breed Judges at CCA sanctioned shows. The number of apprenticeships required will be determined by the Board of Examiners.
  - iii) Specialty Judges would be required to officiate in the Specialty(ies) for no less than two (2) shows.
  - iv) All Breed Judges would be required to officiate as Double Specialty Judges for no less than two (2) shows.
  - v) Write an examination and/or undertake additional training as set out by the Board of Examiners.

#### Section 4

The penalty for a judge breaking any of the Show Rules shall be a suspension for not less than two months and not more than 12 months; or cancellation of the judge's license.

#### Section 5

Judges shall not solicit judging assignments nor enter any arrangement with respect to fees or expenses which vary from the established schedules.

#### Section 6

CCA judges may not accept assignments in CCA sanctioned shows on the same premises at which a Household Pet Show is held concurrently which accept declawed cats.

#### Section 7

- a) Fee schedule payable to Approved Licensed judges is \$1.00 per cat listed in the show catalogue where entries are greater than 120 cats. A flat fee of \$110 will be paid to an Approved Licensed Judge where entries are less than 120 cats. Approved Licensed Judges performing for a single specialty ring shall be paid a flat fee of \$50.00 when entries are less than 60 cats.
- b) Probationary Specialty Judges: a fee of \$0.50 per cat listed for the Specialty in which the Probationary License is held with a minimum fee of \$35.00.
- c)
  - i) All licensed judges must have hotel accommodations prepaid by the host club. Where possible, clubs should also arrange to prepay transportation, particularly where airfares are involved; and all fees and expenses shall be paid in full at the close of the show.
  - ii) Clubs wishing to purchase airline tickets for their judges must state this in writing at the time the invitation is extended. Such travel plans should be made in consultation with the judge.
- d) All licensed judges will be reimbursed for travelling expenses incurred from their homes to and from a show – transportation, hotel, taxis, meals and tips. Transportation costs will be paid if driving at a rate of \$0.40 per kilometer round trip. The maximum payable will not exceed the cost of the equivalent economy airfare. Only judges who fly will be eligible for airport parking, shuttles, taxis and the like. In general, hotel accommodation shall be based upon the distance the judge has to travel and connecting flight times. In no case shall the club's liability for accommodation exceed two nights – the night before judging and the night following judging. **In addition, if a club is able to book a flight to have a judge at their home by 11pm the day they are judging then only one hotel night will be provided. In addition, if a judge is able to be at their home by any means of transportation by 11pm the day they are judging, then only one hotel night may be provided. Hotel accommodations will not be provided where a judge resides within one and a half hours driving distance from the show.** Clubs may, at the time of the invitation, offer a flat rate fee (not lower than return economy airfare plus judging fees) applicable to the license held. **Judges driving together in the same vehicle may charge only one travelling expense for the distance travelled. Any and all shared expenses will be paid one time. Judges are permitted to share hotel accommodations if they are in agreement to do so.**
- e) Judges will be allowed **up to** \$30.00 for meal expenses the day/evening before the show **provided, they reside more than one and a half hours away from the show venue. Judges will be allowed up to** \$35.00 the day

of the show. **Receipts must be provided and will be reimbursed up to the amount allowed for that day.**

- ii) Judging fees (including those of guest judges) shall be paid in Canadian funds.
- iv) Allowed expenses incurred by an officiating judge (including guest judges) shall be paid in Canadian funds. Expenses incurred in a foreign currency shall be reimbursed at the current Canadian exchange rate for that currency.
- f) Where clubs hold a Household Pet Show only, the judges employed shall be paid a flat fee of \$25.00. In the case of an Apprentice Judge - the assignment must be pre-arranged by the Board of Examiners Chair- and no fee shall be paid.
- g) In the event that a club decides to cancel their show, the club is responsible for notifying all contracted judges immediately after the decision to cancel the show is made.
- h) Judges who purchased their own airline/train tickets are entitled to claim from the club the re-booking fee or penalty fee for cancellation of the ticket.
- i) It is the club's responsibility to purchase ticket insurance when purchasing an airline/train ticket for a judge. Likewise, should a judge purchase their own ticket it is the judge's responsibility to purchase ticket insurance which shall be reimbursed by the club along with the price of the ticket in accordance with Article 12, Section 7 d).

#### *Section 8*

- a) Judge may NOT handle more than 200 entries in one day.
- b) All annual fees [CCA Membership fee and the annual Judges' License fee per current fee schedule must be paid by the end of January. The licensing fee shall cover the cost of a copy of the new Show Rules (to be forwarded by the CCA/AFC office) and shall help defray the costs of operating the office of the Board of Examiners (Also see Article 12, Section 25).
- c) In order to renew the Annual Judging License, each judge shall meet the annual renewal requirements as established by the Board of Examiners. Should a judge fail to meet those requirements the Board of Examiners may then require the judge to undertake additional training or written assignments prior to renewing their license.
- d) The annual judging license is issued for a one year period beginning January 1 and expiring December 31.

#### *Section 9*

- a) Cats owned, co-owned, or bred by a judge or any member of the judge's household may not compete in that judge's ring.
- b) A judge may, through the appointment of an agent, show his/her cat(s) in other rings where he/she is judging.

#### *Section 10*

Judges are not permitted to solicit entries for any show at which they may be officiating, nor travel to shows with exhibitors whose cats are entered in the show where the judge is to officiate. If a Judge decides to travel with an exhibitor whose cats are entered in the show where the Judge is to officiate, that exhibitor's cats MUST BE absented in that judge's ring. The entry form should clearly state that the exhibitor's cats are to be absented in that judge's ring and

should be so noted by 'XXX' in the catalogue. Failure of which will result in a 3-show ban for the exhibitor, as well as a \$200 fine for the Judge. Members of the judge's household may not place entries in that Judge's ring, nor may any entries which have been in the Judge's care within three (3) months prior to the show date be entered in that ring. In the event a show manager must arrange a Judge's travel from airport to hotel/show hall in an exhibitor vehicle this will not be a violation of this rule. If this happens, the exhibitor's entries must be placed in such a way to prevent visibility of the entry in any way by the Judge they are transporting. **Where the judge is sharing hotel and/or travelling with another judge, any cats that are accompanying them and are being shown must be absented in both judges' rings.**

### Section 11

A judge exhibiting at a show that is called upon by the Show Committee to fill an emergency vacancy shall have all entry fees refunded and his entries placed on EXHIBITION ONLY. If he/she desires, an agent may also be found and appointed for his/her entries.

### Section 12

Awards shall be WITHHELD and so noted in the Judges' Book in all cases where an entry fails to score 90 or more points; or where disqualification is called for a special fault as set out in the written standards. The entry DISQUALIFICATION may be made only as it is set out in Article 12, Section 13. In all other cases, it shall be recorded in the Judges' Books as a W/A (Withhold Awards) and no ribbon shall be hung or award made. Following 3 such withholds, the Registrar shall notify the owner that this cat can no longer be entered in CCA shows. (See also Article 5, Section 2)

### Section 13

- a) All entries must be handled by the judge in the judging ring. Any cat too nervous or intractable for handling must be disqualified if the owner or agent is, at the judge's request, unable to calm the entry and place it on the judging table. Judges shall enter in their books, D.U.H. (Disqualified, Unable to Handle). This cat may be entered in other rings without penalty.
- b) In cases where an entry, without provocation attacks a judge or other person within the ring area, the entry shall be deemed to be vicious and shall be disqualified. The judge shall enter in the Judges' Book, **D.V. (Disqualified, Vicious)**, and shall advise the owner that the cat cannot be entered in any other rings at that show. The Judge shall then notify the Show Manager of the cat's number so that the rest of the rings may be advised; and shall record the cat's number on the Disqualification Sheet. Following one (1) such report, the Registrar shall advise the owner and all CCA Clubs that this cat may NO LONGER be entered in CCA shows.
- c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a judge may penalize any cat one or more points for bad disposition.
- d) A judge may disqualify any entry whose owner or agent draws undue or specific attention to himself or his entry when benching the cat in the judging ring or at any time while the judging is taking place. Judges shall enter in their books, D.L.E. (Disqualified, Lack of Etiquette). This cat may be entered in other rings without penalty.
- e) **N.F.A. (No Further Awards)**, this entry be placed in the Judges' Books where the judge feels an entry is not being shown at its best and may be awarded rather than a W/A which might preclude further showing of the entry at CCA shows. The judge shall not hang any ribbons. In the Judges' Book they shall record N.F.A. and record same on the Disqualification sheet stating reason. NOTE: the CCA Registrar does not record this designation on the cat's file.
- f) When a judge discovers that an entry has fleas, fungus, ear mites, etc., or is expressing symptoms of illness (i.e. purulent discharges from the eyes and nose) they shall N.F.A. the entry and notify the Show Manager/Committee

of the entry's problem. The Show Manager/Committee will decide whether a veterinarian/animal technician shall be called in to examine the entry as per Article 7, Section 2.

#### *Section 14*

In the event that a judge is injured at a show and is unable to fully handle the entries, a member of the Show Committee or a person appointed by them may assist the judge as is required.

#### *Section 15*

- a) When a judge discovers that an entry has been incorrectly placed as to sex and/or colour, the entry shall be transferred to its correct class with permission of the owner. Should this class already been judged in this ring and closed, the entry WRONG CLASS shall be made in the Judges' Book and on the Change of Classification Form, with the owner's initial. No wins can be claimed until the change has been made officially to the Registrar.
- b)
  - i) If a cat in championship or premiership class has received awards or title in the wrong colour class OR has been incorrectly registered using a colour name from another association which is not used in CCA (i.e., Torbie); upon initial discovery of the error the owner/agent may transfer the cat to the correct colour class without losing wins or title. A cat is allowed only ONE colour transfer without penalty, after which if another colour change is made on the same cat – the cat would be required to compete as an OPEN in the new colour and re-earn any titles.
  - i) No wins or tile can be claimed until the colour change has been made officially to the show's Master Clerk and following the show with the CCA office.

#### *Section 16*

- a) Where an entry does not meet the colour or pattern of the written standard, the judge may, in consultation with the owner/agent, transfer the entry to A.O.V. or to the correct colour class.
- b) If an entry is in a breed class which does not allow A.O.V. colours (i.e., Abyssinian), the judge shall not hang any ribbons and will record the entry as DISQUALIFIED (DQ) in their judges' book.

#### *Section 17*

When an obvious error is made in placing an award prior to the completion of the judge's finals, the clerk should be so advised and in turn, the judge who shall make the correction. If the error is found after the close of the show, the Registrar shall take such steps as are required to correct this matter, including the return of trophies, ribbons and awards. If the rightful owner can be determined the award shall be so placed; otherwise, it shall remain vacant.

#### *Section 18*

- a) Posting slips shall be detached from the Judges' Book as each class is completed. They shall be signed by the judge in ink, checked and initialed by the Senior Clerk and the duplicate entries made in the clerk's catalogue checked prior to being handed to the Master Clerk.
- b) Judges shall record the names of their clerks on the inside front cover of their Judges' Book and NCR finals sheet (top of page).

### *Section 19*

Paperwork, such as signed Judges' Books, Disqualification/Change of Classification Sheets, and Final Sheets must be completed by the judges and verified for accuracy by the ring clerks and finally by the Master Clerk who will place the documents in an envelope provided by the club that will be sealed by the Master Clerk with their signature over the seal in an envelope provided by the club that will be sealed by the judge with their signature over the seal, and given to the Show Secretary or other appointed person before leaving the show hall. The Show Secretary shall mail the Judges' Books to the Registrar of CCA within 48 hours of the close of the show. This rule may be waived if the Registrar or his agent is present at the show to collect the Judges' Books. The Clerking Evaluation sheets are to be included in the sealed envelope.

### *Section 20*

Judges may solicit information from their clerks as to the age, sex, colour or class of any entry, but at **NO TIME** prior to or during the show may a judge have access to a catalogue.

### *Section 21*

- a) Judges are NOT required to discuss awards with exhibitors but may do so in private following the completion of the show if time permits and such discussion is felt to be beneficial to the owner. A judge, when discussing an entry with the exhibitor, should maintain a professional and polite demeanor.
- b) Judges who experience an unpleasant confrontation with an exhibitor regarding their decisions as an officiating judge may ask in writing for the Board of Examiners' assistance.
- c) The Board of Examiners will investigate the complaint and if they decide the complaint is justified, a letter would be sent to the exhibitor advising them that their behaviour is unacceptable. Following this action, should the Board of Examiners receive a similar complaint about the same exhibitor the matter would then be brought before the Board of Directors for disciplinary action.

### *Section 22*

Judges shall not act as clerks if by doing so they prevent possible trainees or judges-in-training from clerking. Probationary judges may request an experienced judge to clerk for them, but at no time may the experienced judge overstep the role of the clerk.

### *Section 23*

Guest judging assignments may only be accepted by LICENSED ALL BREED JUDGES of CCA. Likewise, Guest Judges from other associations must have All Breed status in their own association at the time an invitation is extended. It is recommended that CCA judges be in the majority at all CCA shows.

### *Section 24*

All cats entered for competition must remain during the advertised hours of the show, unless given permission to leave by the Show Committee. If during finals, the judge finds that one of the cats has indeed left the Show Hall during the advertised hours of the show WITHOUT PERMISSION of the Show Committee, the judge must then bring up another cat for the vacated position in the finals.



### *Section 25*

That all annual fees pertaining to the licensing of a CCA judge must be paid no later than January 31. That if fees are not paid by this date the Judge will not be able to write the annual exam in order to be licensed and therefore unable to officiate as a judge.

### *Section 26*

All cats called to a judge's ring for a final must be provided with a cage.

### *Section 27*

Judging will take precedence over finals. A cat that is present and being judged in another ring does not have to be present for a final.

## ARTICLE 13 - PROTESTS

### *Section 1*

- a) Any exhibitor or member of an affiliated club wishing to protest any action must do so in writing within ten (10) days following the close of that show. The ten (10) days will be counted from the close of the show to the postmark on the envelope or email receipt confirmation. Such protest shall be accompanied by applicable fee per current fee schedule payable to the Canadian Cat Association and sent to the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary will advise the individual(s) involved and the club of the protest and ask for a written explanation of the incident. In addition, the Executive Secretary shall bring the protest and all documents pertaining to it to the Board of Directors for attention. The protest shall be presented in two typed copies, giving all details and bearing the signature of the person(s) making the charge(s). If the charges are sustained by the Board of Directors, the fee shall be returned.
- b) If the protest is upheld by the Board of Directors, the guilty party may be reprimanded, fined, or suspended and denied all rights and privileges with CCA and/or its sanctioned shows during such suspension.

### *Section 2*

Exhibitors and Show Officials shall not make oral public accusations regarding violation of rules, regulations, or misconduct by an exhibitor, show official, or judge, unless the accuser also makes such charges in writing as provided in Section 1 of this Article. Anyone making such public accusations, who fails to file them in writing with the Executive Secretary together with the requisite deposit of the applicable fee per current fee schedule, shall be subject to suspension from the privilege of showing at CCA licensed shows for a period of not less than two months or more than one year; unless the accuser shall publicly apologize to the accused. An accusation shall be considered public when overheard by two or more people.

### *Section 3*

In the case of a protest against a judge, the complainant must send all documentation to the Chairman of the Board of Examiners.

## PROTESTS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST A CCA JUDGE

- a) Any exhibitor or member of the Show Committee (hereafter called the Protestor) wishing to protest any action

taken by a Judge shall do so in writing within ten(10) days following the close of that show.

- b) Such protests shall be accompanied by a cheque in the amount of the applicable fee per current fee schedule payable to the Canadian Cat Association and sent to the CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.
- c) The protest shall be presented in TWO typed copies, giving all details and bearing the signature of the person or persons making the charges. If the charges are sustained by the Board of Examiners, the fee will be returned; otherwise it will be forfeited.
- d) Upon receipt of such a protest, the Chairman of the Board of Examiners will notify the Judge within 10 days by registered mail, the exact charge being laid. The Chairman shall send a copy of this correspondence to the Protestor.
- e) The Board of Examiners will make its decision based on the contents of all correspondence, it may also ask for written statements from witnesses in order to arrive at a fair decision. A written report of the Board of Examiners findings and actions will be submitted to the Board of Directors by the Chairman.
- f) The Judge and Protestor will be notified of the Board of Examiner's decision by Registered Mail.

g) APPEALS - JUDGES

- i) The Judge will have 10 days from receipt of the registered letter in which to initiate an appeal to the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
- ii) Copies of the appeal must be sent to the Executive Secretary and to the Chairman of the Board of Examiners by Registered Mail.
- iii) The Chairman of the Board of Examiners must send copies of all correspondence concerning the case to the Executive Secretary.
- iv) A time and place for the appeal hearing will be set and all parties notified by the Executive Secretary.
- v) The attendance of the Judge and Protestor at the meeting is advised.
- vi) The Chairman of the Board of Examiners will represent the decision of the Board of Examiners.
- vii) The Board of Directors will hear the Judge's appeal and the comments made by the Chairman of the Board of Examiners in support of the committee's decision. The Directors will vote in confidence (without the Chairman of the Board of Examiners, the Judge, or the Protestor in attendance). A 2/3 majority vote is required. The Board of Director's decision will be FINAL.
- viii) The Chairman of the Board of Examiners will be advised, in writing by the Executive Secretary, of the decision of the Directors.
- ix) The Chairman shall notify, both the Protestor and the Judge, in writing, of the Board of Director's decision.

h) APPEALS - PROTESTOR

- i) The Protestor will have 10 days from receipt of the registered letter in which to initiate an appeal to the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

- ii) Copies of the appeal must be sent to the Executive Secretary and to the Chairman of the Board of Examiners by Registered Mail.
- iii) The Chairman of the Board of Examiners must send copies of all correspondence concerning the case to the Executive Secretary.
- iv) A time and place for the appeal hearing will be set and all parties notified by the Executive Secretary.
- v) The attendance of the Judge and Protestor at the meeting is advised.
- vi) The Chairman of the Board of Examiners will represent the decision of the Board of Examiners. The Board of Directors will hear the Protestor's appeal and the comments made by the Chairman of the Board of Examiners in support of the committee's decision. The Directors will vote in confidence (without the Chairman of the Board of Examiners, the Judge, or the Protestor in attendance). A 2/3 majority vote is required. The Board of Director's decision will be FINAL.
- vii) The Chairman of the Board of Examiners will be advised, in writing by the Executive Secretary, of the decision of the Directors.
- viii) The Chairman shall notify, both the Protestor and the Judge, in writing, of the Board of Director's decision.

## ARTICLE 14 - INFRACTION OF RULES

### *Section 1*

Anyone found guilty of an infraction of the Rules of this Association may be reprimanded, fined, or suspended, and denied all rights and privileges during such suspension by action of the Canadian Cat Association Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may also negate any titles (i.e. Champion, Grand Champion, etc.) if it can be proven that these titles have been fraudulently acquired.

### *Section 2*

Any person having entered a cat, kitten, neuter, or spay in a show sanctioned by CCA is responsible for paying full entry fee as advertised by said club, including double cages, marked catalogues, or other fees. If such fees are paid by cheque that is refused by the bank for any reason, then it will be the responsibility of the club to notify the CCA Registrar within 30 days after notification to the exhibitor. The exhibitor will then have 10 days to pay the money due after notification by the club. If the debt is not then paid in full, the club shall notify the CCA Executive Secretary and Registrar to place a hold on all wins of said cat(s) and they will not be credited for any wins at any CCA shows until the debts are paid in full. Clubs may take legal action to recover the monies owed by taking their claims to Small Claims Court. The Registrar in turn must inform all CCA clubs not to accept any entries for such person(s).

## ARTICLE 15 - CLASSIFICATIONS

### *Section 1*

The following classes shall be authorized for each breed and colour recognized by the Canadian Cat Association:

KITTEN

OPEN, CHAMPION, GRAND CHAMPION (Championship Class)

OPEN, PREMIER, GRAND PREMIER (Premiership Class)

## Section 2

- a) KITTEN CLASS is for any kitten eligible for registration in CCA, male or female, altered or unaltered, not less than 4 calendar months but under 8 calendar months old on the opening day of the show.
- b)
  - i) Kittens can be entered in a CCA show without a listing number, registration pending number or CCA individual registration number.
  - ii) Kittens entered in a CCA show must have their breed, colour/pattern, birth date, sire and dam, breeder, owner and region information printed in the show catalogue.
  - iii) Only CCA litter registered kittens, kittens shown with a registration pending number or individual CCA registered kittens will be scored for regional and national awards. In order to win a regional or national award kittens must be individually registered with CCA by the end of the show season or no later than May 15.
- c) ALL kittens competing at show are eligible for finals and club awards

## Section 3

- a) The Open class is for CCA registered cats with either a registration pending number or individual CCA registration number of a breed or colour accepted for competition of either sex, altered or unaltered, 8 calendar months old or older in the opening day of the show which have not completed the requirements to claim the title of Champion/Premier.
- b)
  - i) The LISTED OPEN class is for unregistered cats (which do not have a registration pending number) of either sex, altered or unaltered, 8 calendar months old or older on the opening day of the show of a colour and breed which is CCA registerable as the breed being shown. The birth date, sire and dam, breeder, owner and region of these cats must be printed in the show catalogue. Entries that do not meet this requirement are not eligible for entry.
  - ii) Cats competing in the Listed Open class may NOT go on to compete as a Champion/Premier (see Article 15, Section 3c). Upon the cat's registration with CCA and confirmation of meeting the requirements for the CCA Champion title, the banked points the cat won as a Listed Open will be credited to the cat's record toward its next title.
  - iii) Cats competing in the Listed Open class are not scored for regional or national awards.
- c)
  - i) The CHAMPION/PREMIER class is for CCA registered cats with either a registration pending number or individual CCA registration number of either sex, altered or unaltered, 8 calendar months old or older on the opening day of the show which have completed the requirements for the title of Champion/Premier AND have claimed the title with appropriate documentation and fee by mail to CCA office OR the owner/agent (at their own risk) has transferred the cat with the entry clerk the morning of the show or the host club's CCA designate at the end of the day of a multiple day show believing that the cat has met the requirements to be a Champion/ Premier at the show.
  - ii) For competition purposes the Champion/Premier class includes Opens and Listed Opens which appear in the Judges' Books as Champions/Premiers.

#### Section 4

- a) OPENS and LISTED OPENS (includes Registration Pending Opens – see Art. 4, section 2b (v)) are printed in the show catalogue as Opens (OPC and LOPC). For the purposes of judging only, the Open classes appear in the judges' books as CHAMPIONS/PREMIERS and is considered part of the Champion/Premier class. Opens and Listed Opens count as Champions/PREMIERS.
- b) Champions, Opens and Listed Opens compete for Best Champion within their breed and are eligible for Best, 2nd and 3rd Best Champion in the final(s). Premiers, Opens and Listed Opens compete for Best Premier within their breed and are eligible for Best and 2nd Best Premier in the final(s).

#### Section 5

- a) The GRAND CHAMPION/PREMIER class is for cats with either a CCA registration pending number or individual CCA registration number which have completed the requirements for the title and been issued the Grand Champion/Grand Premier certificate automatically by the central office OR the owner/agent (at their own risk) has transferred the cat with the entry clerk or the master clerk the morning of the show believing that the cat has met the requirements to be a Grand.
- b) Grand Champions/Grand Premiers compete for Best Grand Champion/Premier within their breed and are eligible for Best and 2nd Best Grand Champion/Premier in the final(s).

#### Section 6

A cat which has won a title in the Championship Class and is later altered (neutered or spayed) must be initially entered in the Premiership Class as an OPEN.

#### Section 7

Imported cats or kittens are eligible for competition in the same classes as Canadian bred cats and kittens, and shall be entered in the correct classes as indicated in this Article.

#### Section 8

- a) All cats that are not of a recognized breed by the Canadian Cat Association are eligible to be shown in the Household Pet classes and all such cats over six (6) months of age must be altered (neutered or spayed). It is recommended that clubs quote this Article on all show flyers.
- b) It is at the discretion of the club to hold one Household Pet show and divide it into three sections:
  - i. Cats of any colour
  - ii. Cats under the age of 8 months
  - iii. Cats of recognized breed.
- c) Any entry in the Household Pet class which competes in 4 judging rings without disqualification shall be entitled to claim the prefix of COMPANION.
- d) A Household Pet which has not completed the requirements for a COMPANION title are listed in the Show Catalogue as HHP and appear in the JUDGES' BOOKS as COMPANIONS. For the purposes of judging only, the HHP class is considered part of the Companion Class. HHPS and Companions compete and count as Companions.

- e) HHPs and Companions compete for Best and 2nd Best Companion in the finals of all rings.
- f) The COMPANION class is for Household Pets or CCA Recorded Household Pets which on the opening day of the show have completed the requirements for the title of Companion AND have claimed the title with appropriate documentation and fee by mail to CCA office OR the owner/agent (at their own risk) has transferred the cat with the entry clerk the morning of the show or the host club's CCA designate at the end of the day of a multiple day show believing that the cat has met the requirements to be a Companion at the show.
- g) The GRAND COMPANION class is for HHPs that have the completed requirements for the title and has been issued the Grand Companion certificate automatically by the central office OR the owner/agent (at their own risk) has transferred the cat with the entry clerk or the master clerk the morning of the show believing that the cat has met the requirements to be a Grand.

### Section 9

- a) All opens in any CCA recognized breed, male or female in the same colour class (includes Listed Opens or cats with a registration pending number or cats with an individual CCA registration number) are entitled to Champion or Premier designations in any type of ring (All Breed or LH/SH Specialty) and can use the ring as "Winners Ring" so long as the judge does not disqualify or otherwise withhold awards from the OPEN.
- b) Champion or Premier claims must be won by the cat competing as the same colour and/or pattern that the cat is CCA registered \*see Article 12, Section 15(b) regarding colour changes). Wins made in Championship competition are not transferred to the Premiership records.
- c) Four (4) "Winners Rings" warned under at least three (3) different judges at CCA shows are required for Championship or Premiership confirmation, Winners Ribbons won prior to January 1, 2014, can be used in conjunction with "Winners Ring" qualifications won PROVIDED the corresponding colour and/or pattern remains the same (article 15, Section 9b). For example: 2 Winners Ribbons win prior to January 1, 2014 + 2 Winners Rigs= 4 wins which entitles the cat to claim its Champion/Premier title.
- d) i) An OPEN with either a registration pending number or individual CCA registration number must claim the Champion/Premier title before competing as a Grand Champion or Grand Premier. Cats competing in the LISTED OPEN class may not go on to compete as a Champion/Premier. See Article 15, Section 3b) ii).
  - ii) A claim for Champion or Premier title can be made by completing the official CCA Championship/Premiership Claim Form and mailing it to the CCA office with the claim fee OR by submitting the completed CH/PR Claim Form including the claim fee to the designated CCA recipient at the show. It is the host club's responsibility to have someone designated to accept title claims for CCA.
  - iii) For shows held on more than one day in the same location, CH/PR claims can be made at the show, but must be claimed before the start of the next day's show.
- e) A cat eligible for and shown in the Champion or Premier Class (including OPENS and LISTED OPENS) will compete for points toward its Grand Champion or Grand Premier title in any type of ring (i.e., All Breed, LH/SH Specialty).
- f) Grand points for a cat that has completed the requirements for Champion or Premier title (4 Winners Ribbons or Winners Rings or combination of both) will not be official until the CCA Office has received the completed Championship/ Premiership Claim Form, applicable fee and confirmation that title requirements have been met.

- g) In order to win a regional or national award cats must be individually registered with CCA by the end of the show season or no later than May 15.
- h) All cats, altered or unaltered, competing at a show are eligible for finals and club awards.

*Section 10*

- a) Claims for Championship, Premiership or Companion with a list of shows at which Winners ribbons have been won must be sent to the Registrar (this should be done immediately, if the cat is to be entered in a closely following show). Failure to comply with this rule nullifies all wins. A statement to this effect shall appear in the show catalogue.
- b) The Registrar may advise the exhibitor of his/her Grand Champion, Grand Premier or Grand Companion points (Fees)

*Section 11*

Eligible Opens and Champions entered in the Champion class shall compete for Grand Champion points in the following manner:

The Best Champion in show will receive one (1) point for every Champion present and DEFEATED in the show.

The Second Best Champion in show will receive 90% of the points received by the Best Champion in the show.

If the following cats are among the top ten finalists (or top fifteen finalists), they get an appropriate percentage of the points received by the Best Champion in show; in a top 15 final, only the 10 best champions within the Top 15 cats will receive grand championship points and following the same percentage as in a top 10 format.

Third Best Champion	80%
Fourth Best Champion	70%
Fifth Best Champion	60%
Sixth Champion	50%
Seventh Champion	40%
Eighth Champion	30%
Ninth Champion	20%
Tenth Champion	10%

*Section 12*

The Best Champion (includes Opens) of each breed will receive one (1) Grand Champion point for every Champion present and defeated at the breed level.

*Section 13*

In computing Grand Champion points, no Champion (includes Opens) shall be credited with more than one point for any defeated Champion in any one ring. If greater, Breed Championship points may be used rather than points for the Best Champion or Second Best Champion, etc. in the finals.

#### Section 14

- a) One hundred and fifty (150) points are required for a Grand Champion title.
- b) The preceding regulations also apply to Premiership classes and the Household Pet class, the number of points for a Grand Premier or a Grand Companion title being reduced to seventy-five (75).
- c) Points must be won under at least three (3) different judges and one win must be amongst the TOP FIVE (5) cats in show.

#### Section 15

To be considered for the title of Champion, Grand Champion, Premier, Grand Premier, Companion or Grand Companion, the cat must be registered as the bona fide property of the claimant.

#### Section 16

- a) A Grand Champion will compete against other Grand Champions in the show. **One (1)** point will be awarded for every Grand Champion present and defeated. For example:

The Best Grand Champion will receive one (1) point for every Grand Champion present and defeated in the show.

The Second Best Grand Champion will receive one less than the Best Grand Champion.

The Third Best Grand Champion will receive two points fewer than the Best Grand Champion.

The Fourth Best Grand Champion will receive three points fewer...

The Fifth Best Grand Champion will receive four points fewer...

The Sixth Best Grand Champion will receive five points fewer...

The Seventh Best Grand Champion will receive six points fewer...

The Eighth Best Grand Champion will receive seven points fewer...

The Ninth Best Grand Champion will receive eight points fewer...

The Tenth Best Grand Champion will receive nine points fewer...

Points will also be awarded for the Best Grand Champion of each breed. However, no Grand Champion shall be accredited with more than one point for any defeated Grand Champion in one ring.

- b) Seventy-five (75) points are required for a DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION award. In addition, the cat must have had a TOP THREE (3) CAT AWARD in the championship class, and have won the points under at least three different judges.
  - i. Upon completion of this requirement, the owner will be notified by the CCA office that they may claim the award. A certificate suitable for framing will be sent to the owner.
  - ii. The preceding requirements also apply for DOUBLE GRAND PREMIER or DOUBLE GRAND COMPANION, with the number of points for a Double Grand Premier or a Double Grand Companion to be 25 points, with a TOP THREE (3) Cat award in the premiership or Household Pet class.



- c) One hundred and twenty-five (125) points are required for a MASTER GRAND CHAMPION award. In addition, the cat must have had a Best Cat award during its show career and have won its points under at least three different judges.
  - iii. Upon completing the preceding requirements, the owner will be notified by the CCA office that they may claim the award. A certificate suitable for framing will be sent to the owner and a bronze medallion will be presented at the All Canadian Awards Banquet.
  - iv. The preceding requirements also apply for MASTER GRAND PREMIER or MASTER GRAND COMPANION, with the number of points for a Master Grand Premier or Master Grand Companion to be 35 points, with a BEST CAT award in the Premiership or Household Pet class. A certificate suitable for framing will be sent to the owner and a Silver Medallion will be presented at the All Canadian Awards Banquet.
- d) One hundred and seventy-five (175) points are required for a SUPREME MASTER GRAND CHAMPION Award. In addition, the cat must have had TWO (2) BEST CAT AWARDS in the Championship Class, and have won the points under at least three different judges.
  - i. Upon completion of this requirement, the owner will be notified by the CCA office that they may claim the award. A certificate suitable for framing will be sent to the owner and a medallion will be presented at the All Canadian Awards Banquet.
  - ii. The preceding requirements also apply for SUPREME MASTER GRAND PREMIER or SUPREME MASTER GRAND COMPANION, with the number of points for a Supreme Master Grand Premier or a Supreme Master Grand Companion to be 60 points, with two (2) BEST CAT AWARDS in the Premiership or Household Pet class.

#### *Section 17*

- a) The honorary title of International Champion shall be granted to cats that have completed a Championship in CCA and have also won a Championship under the rules of a registering body of another country, and have been issued the required International Championship Certificate number by the CCA Registrar.
- b) The honorary title of International Grand Champion shall be granted to cats who have completed a Grand Championship in CCA and have won a Grand Championship under the rules of a registering body of another country; and have been issued the required International Grand Championship Certificate number by the CCA Registrar.
- c) The preceding rules also apply to altered cats in the Premiership classes and Household Pets classes.
- d) Stud cats that have produced 8 or more Grand Champion/Premier offspring and queens that have produced 3 or more Grand Champion/Premier offspring may claim the title of "Elite Merit". In order to claim this title, the owner must submit a list of the offspring (with registration numbers) and cheque for the applicable fee per current fee schedule. A certificate suitable for framing will be sent to the owner and a medallion will be presented at the All Canadian Awards banquet.
- e) All cats, kittens, alters and Household Pets which have been awarded a National Award (does not include breed awards or perpetual trophies) be given the honorary title 'Canadian National Winner' (Initials CNW) automatically and without charge.

All kittens, cats, alters and household pets which have been awarded a Regional Award (does not include breed

awards or perpetual trophies) be given the honorary title 'Canadian Regional Winner' (Initials CRW) automatically and without charge.

Owners of past Regional winning kittens, cats, alters and household pets prior to May 2, 2012 are allowed to claim their honorary title regardless of the year it was won. The onus of claiming this title rests with the owner of the cat. All claims must be supported by a photocopy of the cat's Regional Award Certificate. An applicable fee per current fee schedule for this service will be applied to all CRW title claims won prior to May 1, 2012.

f) TITLE OFFERED TO KITTENS, CHAMPIONS, ALTERS

DOUBLE CROWN

Title to be awarded to a Champion/Alter Cat who has attained two separate CNW Titles  
e.g., CNW Kitten and CNW Alter

TRIPLE CROWN

Title to be awarded to a Champion/Alter Cat who has attained three separate CNW Titles  
e.g., CNW Kitten, CNW Champion and CWN Alter

HOUSEHOLD PETS

DOUBLE CROWN

Title to be awarded to a Household Pet who has attained a CNW title in two separate years, not necessarily consecutive.

TRIPLE CROWN

Title to be awarded to a Household Pet who has attained a CNW title in three separate years, not necessarily consecutive.

The onus of claiming said title(s) would rest with the owner of the cat. All claims would be supported by a photocopy of the cats' All Canadian Award Certificate and a cheque for the applicable fee per current fee schedule.

A Certificate suitable for framing and an Award would be presented at the All Canadian Awards Banquet.

g) TITLE OFFERED TO GRANDS

Any cat that achieves 30 or more top 10/top 15 finals per season in three seasons (not necessarily consecutive) shall be eligible to claim the 'Grand of Distinction' title (abbreviated GCHD, GPRD or GCOD).

Grand Champion of Distinction  
Grand Premier of Distinction  
Grand Companion of Distinction

At least 20 of these finals in each season must be in All Breed rings.

These finals may be achieved in either championship, premiership, or household pet class, or a combination, in

each season.

The 'of distinction' suffix will be added to the title corresponding to the class in which the cat competed in the third season with 30 finals. Cats who have achieved this title will still compete in the regular Grand Champion/Grand Premier/Grand Companion classes. This award may be claimed by filling the appropriate form with Head Office, and paying a fee as set by the Board of Directors. Show seasons prior to 2012-2013 may not be considered in claims for this title.

#### REGIONAL TITLE OFFERED TO KITTENS, CHAMPIONS, ALTERS

##### REGIONAL DOUBLE CROWN

Title to be awarded to a Champion/Alter Cat who has attained two separate RNW Titles e.g., RNW Kitten and RNW Alter

REGIONAL TRIPLE CROWN - Title to be awarded to a Champion/Alter Cat who has attained three separate RNW Titles e.g., RNW Kitten, RNW Champion and RNW Alter

#### NEW REGIONAL TITLE OFFERED TO HOUSEHOLD PETS

##### REGIONAL DOUBLE CROWN

Title to be awarded to a Household Pet who has attained an RNW title in two separate years, not necessarily consecutive.

##### REGIONAL TRIPLE CROWN

Title to be awarded to a Household Pet who has attained an RNW title in three separate years, not necessarily consecutive.

The onus of claiming said title(s) would rest with the owner of the cat. All claims would be supported by a photocopy of the cats' All Canadian Award Certificate and a cheque for the applicable fee per current fee schedule. A Certificate suitable for framing and an Award would be presented at the All Canadian Awards Banquet.

### *Section 18*

The onus of claiming Champion, International Champion, International Grand Champion certificates, Grand of Distinction, Elite Merit titles and numbers rests with the owner of the cat (the same would apply to the Premiership titles). All claims must be supported by information as to the dates, locations, and names of the judges under which the wins were made, and photocopies of the certificates issued by other associations, in the case of International titles. In the case of Grand of Distinction, the owner will be responsible for tracking the number of finals and CCA head office will verify the information when the application, with fee, is received.

## ARTICLE 16 - RECOGNIZED BREEDS AND COLOUR CLASSES

### Section 1

The Canadian Cat Association recognizes all Breeds and Colour Descriptions listed in the official book of Standards. Colour listing available from CCA office (See Appendix 1, Rules for Registration)

### Section 2

- a) Experimental Breeds and New Breeds (having applied and been accepted in the appropriate class— see Appendix 1, Article V-5) are entered as defined in Article 1, Section 1d ii) and are not accorded Championship recognition.
- b) A.O.V. cats are to be judged at the end of the appropriate breed. (i.e. an A.O.V. Himalayan will be judged after the Himalayan class)

### Section 3

The management of shows licensed under these rules may not exclude any recognized longhair breeds, or colours of those breeds from any Longhair Specialty shows; any recognized Shorthair breeds or colours of those breeds from any Shorthair Specialty show, any recognized breeds or colours from any All-Breed show, or Class Specialty show (i.e. a show of only a particular classification of our allowed classes provided all recognized colours or breeds or divisions of that specified class are not excluded). Furthermore, the management of shows licensed under these rules may not add Championship classes, nor use names for colours of breeds exhibited other than those recognized by CCA-AFC. Colour listing available from CCA office

## ARTICLE 17 – EXPERIMENTAL, NEW BREEDS, ESTABLISHED BREEDS, DIVISIONS OR COLOURS

### Section 1

A breed is a group of domestic cats (subspecies felis catus) which the member of the Canadian Cat Association agree to recognize in the Experimental, New Breed or Championship classes. Such a breed must have distinguishing features which set it apart from other breeds. This definition presumes the following:

- a) At the time of recognition CCA will assign a new breed into one of four groups; Established, Hybrid, Mutation or Natural.
- b) No breed of any classification may be merged in whole or in part with a Natural or Established Breed.
- c) For breeds which need to outcross for the good of the breeds health which do not have any other source of new bloodlines (i.e., importation) or outcrosses to other recognized breeds, the CCA Board of Directors will grant approval of an outcrossing plan when 60% of the breed section members agree with such a proposal. In addition to this the breed section requesting the outcrossing proposal must include the following:
  - i. A summary of the problem(s) with the breed which have caused the request to be made.
  - ii. Relevant statements from a qualified veterinary and/or genetic professionals establishing the outcrossing is the best course to follow to correct the problem cited in Article 17, Section c) i).
  - iii. A statement establishing that no other source of new bloodlines is available to the breed.

- iv. The source and/or breed of the desired outcross.
  - v. A guarantee to the breeds that might be used as an outcross in such a program that any kittens produced by such an outcrossing will not at any time seek to be returned either to the registered classed of the breed and/or breeds being used for outcrossing.
  - vi. A description of the registration procedures to be used in the establishment of the outcross program and approval by the CCA Board of Directors of such procedures.
- d) In order to be considered for Experimental or New Breed Classes the cat must:
- a) have three (3) distinctive characteristics which do not mimic\* another recognized breed of cat.
  - b) the beauty and health (physical and mental) of the cat is proven to be desirable and stable.

\*Definition of mimic: a class of cats would be said to mimic either the parent breed or an already existing breed when the cat appears basically the same as the parent or existing breed without a definite difference between the two groups. Does not apply to breeds or colours which gained Championship status in CCA prior to May 1, 2013.

## Section 2

- a) Application for Experimental or New Breeds must be submitted by a CCA/AFC member(s) and forwarded to the Standards Committee Chairman and must include a non-refundable applicable fee per current fee schedule.
- b) i) When application is made for consideration of an Experimental Breed there must be at least 6 members of CCA-AFC actively engaged in breeding the experimental breed. The application must contain a general description of the breed, proposed standard with point allotments, relevant material supporting the application (i.e., photographs, breeding records, etc.), and pedigrees.
- ii) When application is made for consideration of a New Breed, the application must contain a general description of the breed, proposed standard with point allotments, relevant material supporting the application (i.e., photographs, breeding records, etc.), pedigrees, and acceptance into other recognized cat registering association (but not yet recognized for Championship status). If the breed is accepted in more than one cat registering association, photocopies of a minimum of 2 standards must be presented with the applications.
- c) The Standards Committee Chairperson shall forward the application to the members of the Standards Committee, provided the above are met.
- d) The complete application along with the recommendations from the Standards Committee is forwarded to the Board of Directors. This package must be forwarded to the individual directors 60 days prior to the next meeting for the application to be considered at the meeting.
- e) If the application is accepted by the Board of Directors, the Experimental or New Breed will be placed in the appropriate class upon finalization of the breed's standard.
- f) The Standards Committee Chairperson shall format the Experimental or New Breed Standard to fit the lay-out style of the CCA/AFC standards and forward such standard to the member(s) making the application. Once mutually agreed upon by the members and the Standards Committee, the standard will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for their approval. Upon the Board of Director's approval a copy of the standard will be sent to the CCA office, CCA judges and apprentices. A 30 day waiting period shall be implemented before the Experimental or

New Breed status comes into effect.

- g) i) Advancement from the Experimental class to New Breed class requires at least 20 cats of the breed be registered in CCA-AFC with pedigrees for 3 generations. Different examples of the breed (minimum of 5) which includes kittens and adults, must be shown in no less than four shows and in at least two regions. Five (5) different CCA/AFC All Breed Judges must handle the breed in their ring. If the Judge determines the entry meets the standards, ribbons as per Article 11, Section 2 e) will be awarded and recorded in the judges' books and NCR finals sheet. The judge shall indicate on the NCR finals sheet their opinion of the overall class by circling one of the levels of achievement listed. Any additional comments the judge feels pertinent to the quality of the entry may be written on the Office copy of the posting slip.
- ii) Advancement from the New Breed Class to Championship class requires different examples of the breed (minimum of 5) which include kittens and adults, the breed must be shown in no less than four shows within a 12 month period and in at least two regions. Five different CCA-AFC All Breed judges must handle the breed in their ring. If the judge determines the entry meets the standards, ribbons as per Article 11 Section 2 e) will be awarded and recorded in the judge's book and NCR finals sheet. The judge shall indicate on the NCR finals sheet their opinion of the overall class by circling one of the levels of achievement listed. Any additional comments the judge feels pertinent to the quality of the entry(s) may be written on the Office copy of the posting slip.
- h) All results and comments from these judges will be photocopied and sent to the Standards Committee Chairperson by the CCA office. The Chairperson will forward them to the members of the Standards Committee and they will review them. The committee will prepare a report with their recommendations and forward it to the Board of Directors, once Article 17, Section 1f) has been completed.
- i) Upon receipt of the Standards Committee's report and in conjunction with their regularly scheduled meeting, the Board of Directors will decide whether the Experimental breed will be advanced to New Breed status, or in the case of a New Breed be advanced to Championship status. If advancement is not granted, the breed will remain in its current class until advancement is granted. If there is no activity in the breed for four (4) consecutive years the breed status will be reviewed
- j) Exhibition Class at CCA shows is limited to those cats that have been granted Experimental Status (Appendix 1, Article V-5) by the Association, with the exception of cats entered and meeting the requirements in the Household Pet Class.
- k) Experimental or New Breeds granted Championship status in CCA are not allowed to modify the breed's standard for 2 years from the date of their acceptance into Championship class. Exception to this restriction would be housekeeping errors OR revisions to the breed's standard by the original North American cat registering association the CCA standard was adopted from.

### *Section 3*

- a) A request for Championship status will be considered for an Established Breed where the breed already has Championship status in a major world cat registering association other than CCA-AFC, as long as the application is in order (see Article 17, Section 1).
  - i) The Standards Committee recommends the acceptance of an established breed from another association; OR

- ii) A CCA member with a CCA cattery makes a proposal for an established breed from another association.
- b) Proposed standards and colour photographs must be submitted with the application. When an Established Breed is granted Championship status in CCA, the standard and colour descriptions adopted shall be those of the registering body in which the breed has already been so recognized. If the breed has championship status in more than one association, the Board of Directors shall determine the standard used by CCA. This will be done in consultation with the member(s) requesting the breed's recognition.

Established breeds granted Championship status in CCA are not allowed to modify the breed's standard for 2 years from the date of their acceptance into Championship class. Exceptions to this restriction would be housekeeping errors OR revisions to the breed's standard by the original North American cat registering association the CCA standard was adopted from.

- c) The Board of Directors shall direct the examination of all breeding records to determine if the new breed or division breeds true. In consultation with the Standards Committee or Breed Section(s) of CCA, Directors shall vote on the Championship status of the cats in question.
- d) i) Following acceptance by the Board of Directors of a New Breed or Established Breed into Championship status, or changes to Recognized Breeds' standards, division or colours, the additions/changes shall become effective May 1 before the breed can compete for titles and wins. 60 day waiting period will be implemented.
  - ii) Following acceptance by the Board of Directors of changes to Recognized Breeds' standards, divisions or colours, the additions/changes shall become effective May 1.
- e) The Standards Chairman shall advise all clubs on a timely basis of such new breeds, divisions, or colours.
- f) Breeds not gaining approval by the Board of Directors shall be considered in the Household Pet class, under the rules pertaining to the Household Pet class, until such time as further data can be produced.

#### *Section 4*

- a) In order for any revisions, new divisions or colors to be considered, an application listing the changes or additions must be forwarded to the Standards Committee Chairperson by the Breed Secretary-Administrator by October 1.
- b) The Standards Committee Chairperson shall forward such request and any pertinent materials to the members of the Standards Committee and CCA Judges for input to be received no later than October 31.
- c) The Standards Committee Chairperson shall forward any comments or objections to the Breed Secretary / Administrator by November 30, who in turn shall inform the members of their breed section. The breed Secretary / Administrator shall prepare the final ballot following consultation with their breed section.

Prior to voting, the ballot shall be forwarded to the Standards Committee Chairperson to ensure that all mandatory information appears on the ballot (i.e., deadline for return, member's signature, member's current CCA#). Upon approval of the ballot by the Standards Committee Chairperson, the Breed Secretary shall send the ballot to all voting members of their breed section. In the absence of a Breed Secretary/ Administrator, the Standards Committee Chairperson shall prepare the ballot.

- d) The ballot must contain a separate question for each change or addition, along with an area where the members are to vote either for or against the change or addition. In the case of a request for an additional colour or division,

a full description of each colour / division shall appear as part of the question.

The Breed Secretary/Administrator will send the ballot either electronically or by postal service to their section's voting members. . In order for a ballot to be considered valid, the voting member must complete, sign, and return the ballot to the CCA-AFC office by the published deadline (which cannot be later than January 31). Ballots returned electronically (faxed or scanned copy or ballot) must show the signature of the voting member. 50% of the ballots must be returned. A 2/3 majority in the affirmative must be obtained from the voting members.

- e) The ballots will be returned to the CCA-AFC office by the return date published on the ballot (which cannot be later than January 31). Post-mark (envelope) or date stamp (email attachment/fax) will determine eligibility. The CCA-AFC Administrative Director shall notify the Standards" Chair of the ballot results. The Standards Committee Chairperson shall forward the results to the Board of Directors for consideration at their next meeting or by March 1. The Directors must receive this report 30 days prior to their next meeting or March 1.
- f) The Standards Committee Chairperson will forward the decision of the Board of Directors to the Breed Secretary/Administrator who in turn shall inform their breed section members prior to May 1.
- g) Following acceptance of the new changes, divisions or colors, the Standards Committee Chairperson (or designate) must forward the new breed standard to all CCA judges and the CCA office by May 1.
- h) If any color or pattern is not accepted by the Board of Directors, it shall be shown as an A.O.V. (Any Other Variety/Colour) provided such a designation is allowed [See Article 1, Section 1 e)].

#### *Section 5*

All change made during the year will be announced by the Chair of the Standards Committee at the next Annual General Meeting.

#### *Section 6*

Any Hybrid breed section be allowed to accept for Championship status, all colours and patterns that are presently accepted in the Natural breed used as the foundation of the Hybrids. Such acceptance shall be on an individual basis of the breed section.

#### *Section 7*

Any Hybrid or Mutant breed section be allowed to accept for Championship status, the coat length accepted in the Natural breed used as the foundation of these Hybrids or Mutants. Such acceptance is on an individual basis of the breed section.

### ARTICLE 18 - AFFILIATED CLUBS

#### *Section 1*

Five or more members of the Canadian Cat Association in good standing may make application to form a non-profit affiliated club for the promotion of the welfare of cats as laid down by the By-laws of this Association and the conducting of shows under the Rules and Regulations laid down by the Association.

#### *Section 2*

All applications for affiliation shall be considered by the Board of Directors, and all such clubs desiring affiliation are



required to submit to the Executive Secretary of CCA:

- a) A copy of a Constitution and By-Laws.
- b) Names of Officers and/or Executive.
- c) Payment of the prescribed affiliation and insurance fees, and on the first day of January each year thereafter.

### *Section 3*

The following reports shall be required annually and are to be sent to the CCA Registrar:

- a) Names of Officers and Executive.
- b) The number of subscribing members.

The CCA Registrar will forward this information to the Executive Secretary.

### *Section 4*

- a) It is recommended that all members of an affiliated CCA club be members of CCA.
- b) All Executive of CCA affiliated cat clubs MUST be members of CCA.
- c) Each CCA affiliated club will provide yearly, a Liaison Officer with the Board, where there is no CCA Director in that club. The name of the Liaison Officer shall be sent to the CCA Registrar in January of each calendar year, or in the case of a newly affiliated club, upon application for affiliation. Liaison Officers must be members of CCA. The CCA Registrar shall forward the names of the Club Liaison Officers to the Director(s) in charge of the Club Liaison Committee and the Executive Secretary.
- d) It is suggested that all CCA affiliated clubs adopt the Code of Ethics approved by the Board of Directors. Members of any CCA affiliated club who are related by blood, marriage, or live in the same residence should not both have signing authority (Cheques, contracts, etc.). Within a period of six months following the conclusion of a CCA sanctioned Show, a financial report for that show shall be given to each member in good standing of that club.
- e) The constitution of any CCA club must include an article to cover the dissolution of the club and the disposition of club finances be donated to any non-profit institution of their choice.
- f) Upon the closing of a CCA/AFC club, an original or a photocopy of the following must be sent to the CCA/AFC office: the final bank statement, a receipt showing the donation of the final balance of the bank account and the minutes of the last meeting showing that the business of the CCA/AFC club has been concluded.

# CANADIAN CAT ASSOCIATION

## SHOW RULES - APPENDIX

### APPENDIX 1

#### ARTICLE I - FEE SCHEDULE

Fees for services available from Canadian Cat Association office.

#### ARTICLE II- CATTERY NAMES AND CAT NAMES

1. Cat names and cattery names may not be duplicated. Only alpha numeric characters (not including spaces) will be considered in determining uniqueness of a name. For example, the following would be considered to be the same name:
  - a) SomeCattery Cat Name
  - b) SomeCattery CatName
  - c) SomeCattery Cat-Name
2. The following guidelines are recommended in choosing a cattery name:
  - a) No hyphenated words
  - b) No more than two words
  - c) Breed name not included as part of cattery name.
3. The entire cat name (including prefix, suffix, "of", "de", "the" and similar words) may not exceed 35 spaces. Cattery names may not exceed 13 letters.
4. Registered cat names cannot be changed except to add a cattery name suffix.
5. No more than two cattery names are permitted within any cat name. Only one cattery name suffix may be used. The suffix cattery name may be deleted to add that of a subsequent owner if sold (applicable fee per current fee schedule).
6. When a cattery name is registered with CCA, cats bred by the owner or owners of the name shall carry the cattery name as a prefix.
7. Cattery names may not be used unless registered with CCA and cattery names must not be used with cat names already registered, unless officially added. An unregistered cattery name cannot be added to a cat's registered name using hyphens.
8. Abbreviations or variations of registered cattery names are not permitted. Adding a 's after a cattery name is not permitted. Removing spaces from a cattery name is not permitted.
9. New owner of cat may add his/her cattery name as a suffix (preceded by "of" or "de") when it can be done without violation of (3) or (5) of this Article.
10. Changes in cattery names will be allowed only within 30 days of the original registration of the name (applicable fee per current fee schedule) provided that all cats are re-registered at owner's expense.

11. That a cat with a banished cattery name cannot be registered in CCA with that cattery name as part of its official registered name.
12. To register and maintain a cattery name an individual must be a current member, current member being regular or supporting. Failure to keep a CCA membership within a 3-year period will allow CCA to allot the cattery name to be used again.
13. Words that are considered vulgar or profane may not be used in a Cattery or Cat's Name.

#### ARTICLE III - GENERAL

1. The Canadian Cat Association reserves the right to cancel any erroneous registration, or any registration violating these rules, together with any registration that may have been made of any descendants of such cats.
2. When submitted for registration purposes; CCA application forms, certified pedigrees of other associations, and export certificates will not be returned. Keep copy or send a photocopy.
3. When incorrect litter or individual registration certificates are issued, due to errors on the application form, the certificate must be returned with corrections indicated and a corrected certificate(s) will be issued at the owner's expense. If a CCA error, there will be no charge for the correction.
4. The breeder of a cat is the registered owner of the dam at the time of mating; or the lessee of the dam, providing the lease has been recorded with C.C.A.
5. Cats born after May 1, 1974 to CCA registered cats must be litter registered.
6. All cats registered in a litter must carry the same registered cattery name prefix.
7. An application for litter registration can only be made by the breeder of the litter.
8. Applications for registration must be made on an official CCA form.
9. No registrations will be issued unless payment has been received in full for the services and the applicant has no outstanding debts or restrictions with CCA.
10. Certified pedigrees will only be issued when three or more generations of ancestry are registered with CCA and only with the permission of the owner.
11. The identification number of a cat that has been micro-chipped appears on the CCA registration certificate.
12. Advertisements in CCA Breeders' Directories (print or electronic) shall be limited to breeds that are accepted for Championship, New Breed, or Experimental status with CCA.

#### ARTICLE IV - INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

1. a) Cats and kittens that are registered in another association may be registered with CCA if a certified minimum three-generation pedigree from an association recognized by the CCA is provided upon application. If the pedigree is in a language other than English or French, including Colour Codes, then a translation into English or French, including Colour Codes, must be provided.  
  
b) Individual Breed Sections shall determine the number of generations required for pedigrees from other associations with the approval of the Board of Directors. A minimum of 3 generations is mandatory. Breeds requiring more than the minimum 3 generations pedigree shall have the number of generations required appear in their Breed Standard.
2. If all kittens of a litter are individually registered at the same time as the request for the litter's registration is made, the breeder will benefit of a substantial rebate on the kitten's registration (see current price list). It is not necessary for the breeder to supply a name for each kitten or the name of the new owner. Only the kitten's sex and colour is needed. Kittens registered using this method are issued a yellow registration slip instead of the usual green one.
3. a) Premiers that are registered in another recognized association with like breed standards to CCA may be registered NOT FOR BREEDING with CCA with proof of registration. The registration certificate will clearly be marked NOT FOR BREEDING.  
  
b) These Premiers will be eligible to be shown in only the Premiership class at CCA sanctioned shows.  
  
c) Each Breed Section would have the ability to decide which associations' breed standards are equivalent to CCA's.

## ARTICLE V - BREED CLASSIFICATION AND ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION

The word BREED is used in these rules to mean respectively:

### 1. NATURAL BREED

All ancestors to be of the same breed as cat to be registered. [In the case of Siamese; only Seal point, Blue point, Lilac Point, and Chocolate point allowed in the pedigree (seven generations pedigrees are necessary)]. Abyssinian, American Shorthair, Persian, Russian Blue, Siamese, Maine Coon, Norwegian Forest Cat, Turkish Angora, Egyptian Mau, Singapura, Japanese Bobtail, and York Chocolate.

### 2. ESTABLISHED BREED

Such cats are the result of mating two or more NATURAL BREEDS, and may be continued only by breeding the ESTABLISHED BREEDS to each other without further out crosses to the original NATURAL BREEDS. British Shorthair, Burmese, Chartreux, Korat.

### 3. MUTATIONS

These are the natural offspring of NATURAL BREEDS, having distinct or different characteristics that may be perpetuated by breeding specimens of the NATURAL BREED and/or the MUTATION. American Curl (Longhair/Shorthair), Balinese (Longhair/Shorthair), Cornish Rex, Devon Rex, Manx, Somali, Cymric, American Wirehair, Scottish Fold (Longhair/Shorthair), Sphynx, Selkirk Rex (Longhair/Shorthair).

### 4. HYBRIDS

These cats are the result of mating two or more NATURAL BREEDS. They differ from ESTABLISHED BREEDS in that future outcrosses to the original NATURAL BREED are allowed in order to maintain desirable characteristics, colours, etc. Himalayan, Non-Pointed Himalayan, Bengal, Birman, Bombay, Burmilla (Longhair/Shorthair), Tonkinese, Havana Brown, Colourpoint Shorthair, Oriental (Longhair/Shorthair), Exotic (Shorthair/Longhair), Ocicat, Ragdoll, Foreign Burmese. (Foundation if applicable will be shown by F1, F2 or F3.)

### 5. EXPERIMENTAL OR NEW BREED

a) An Experimental breed or new breed are the result of mating 1) two or more domestic breeds OR 2) one or more domestic breeds with a non-domestic (wild gene) breed; for which additional breeding has to be done. The Board of directors may grant Experimental breed or New Breed status if the following criteria are met: criteria in Article 17, Section 1 are met and the proposed breed is proven to be free of genetic defects which impairs the health and well-being of the cat.

1. A cheque is sent to the amount of the applicable fee per current fee schedule;
2. A preliminary standard is submitted;
3. Goals and objectives;
4. Names, cattery names and CCA/AC members working with the breed;
5. Breeding records (pedigrees).

b) If accepted by the Board of Directors, this breed will be placed in the experimental class and will be recorded at the office.

- c) The Experimental and New Breed classes will pay the same entry fee (as regular recognized classes) and judges will handle and record their evaluation on the CCA final sheet.
- d) Cats with a non-domestic ancestor (wild gene) as a parent, grandparent, or great grandparent are not allowed at CCA shows. Only cats recorded/registered with CCA as F4 (or more) generations away from the non-domestic ancestor are allowed in the show hall or handled by the judges.

## ARTICLE VI - BREEDS

### 1) Recognized Breeds

#### LONGHAIR BREEDS

1. AMERICAN CURL (LONGHAIR)
2. BALINESE (LONGHAIR)
3. BIRMAN
4. BRITISH (LONGHAIR)
5. BURMILLA (LONGHAIR)
6. CYMRIC
7. EXOTIC (LONGHAIR)
8. FOLDEX LH
9. HIMALAYAN
10. JAPANESE BOBTAIL (LONGHAIR)
11. KURILIAN BOBTAIL (LONGHAIR)
12. NON-POINTED HIMALAYAN
13. MAINE COON
14. ORIENTAL (LONGHAIR)
15. NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT
16. PIXIE-BOB (LONGHAIR)
17. PERSIAN
18. POINTED SIBERIAN
19. RAGDOLL
20. RAGAMUFFIN
21. REX-SELKIRK (LONGHAIR)
22. SIBERIAN
23. SCOTTISH FOLD (LONGHAIR)
24. SCOTTISH STRAIGHT (LONGHAIR)
25. SOMALI (LONGHAIR)
26. TURKISH ANGORA

#### SHORTHAIR BREEDS

1. ABYSSINIAN
2. AMERICAN CURL (SHORTHAIR)
3. AMERICAN SHORTHAIR
4. AMERICAN WIREHAIR
5. BALINESE (SHORTHAIR)
6. BENGAL

7. BOMBAY
8. BRITISH SHORTHAIR
9. BURMESE
10. BURMILLA (SHORTHAIR)
12. CHARTREUX
13. COLOURPOINT SHORTHAIR
14. EGYPTIAN MAU
15. EXOTIC (SHORTHAIR)
16. FOLDEX SHORTHAIR
17. FOREIGN BURMESE
18. HAVANA BROWN
19. JAPANESE BOBTAIL (SHORTHAIR)
20. KORAT
21. KURILIAN BOBTAIL (SHORTHAIR)
22. MANX
22. OCICAT
23. ORIENTAL (SHORTHAIR)
24. PIXIE-BOB (SHORTHAIR)
25. REX- CORNISH
26. REX-DEVON
26. REX-SELKIRK (SHORTHAIR)
27. RUSSIAN BLUE
28. SAVANNAH
29. SCOTTISH FOLD (SHORTHAIR)
30. SCOTTISH STRAIGHT (SHORTHAIR)
31. SIAMESE
32. SINGAPURA
33. SOMALI (SHORTHAIR)
34. SPHYNX
35. TONKINESE

#### Experimental Breeds

1. CHANTILLY
2. DONSKOY (DON SPHYNX)
3. SOKOKE

#### ii. New Breeds

#### iii. Dormant Breeds

1. PEKE FACED PERSIAN
2. YORK CHOCOLATE

(NOTE: For Colour Description, please refer to Publication "Colour Description, For Details on Alpha-numeric Code, please refer to publication "Colours & Patterns" available from the CCA Office

## APPENDIX 2 - CLERKING PROGRAM

### Section 1 - Clerking Program Eligibility

- a) Be a Canadian resident, 14 years or older, and a CCA member in good standing. Applicants 14 years to 18 years of age must be CCA Junior members.
- b) Applicants who have Clerked or Master Clerked in another cat association recognized by CCA, may apply to the CCA Clerking Program provided they meet the requirements of Appendix 2 - Section 2 a). The number of CCA ring assignments required in order for the applicant to apply for the Senior Clerking exam will be decided by the Clerking Committee on an individual basis, but cannot be less than two (2) or more than seven (7) satisfactory Senior ring assignments, 2 - 4 satisfactory evaluations by officiating judges [Appendix 2, Section 2 a)] plus pass the CCA Senior Clerk exam with a score of 90% or better. To attain a CCA Master Clerk license the applicant must be a CCA Licensed Senior Clerk and complete the necessary Master Clerk assignments [Appendix 2, Section 2 e)], have 2 satisfactory evaluations [Appendix 2, Section 2 b)], and pass the Master Clerk exam with a score of 90% or better
- c) Complete the Clerking Program application form and send it to the Executive Secretary /CCA office along with the current fee.

### Section 2 - Evaluation

- a) Ring Clerk: A written evaluation of the acting senior ring clerk in charge of the ring must be completed by the officiating judge in that ring. The form for this purpose (available on CCA website) is provided to the judge printed on 2-part NCR paper and located at the front of the Judge's Book by the person responsible for producing the judges' books. The judge would give the Clerk Evaluation form to the show's Master Clerk to include in the envelope sent to the office along with the judge's original copy of their posting slips. The duplicate copy of the evaluation is to be kept by the judge for 60 days.

The Master Clerk shall be responsible for providing their unbiased evaluation on each ring clerk's performance -- regardless of whether the clerk is licensed or not -- at the show the Master Clerk is working at. The written evaluation is to be signed and sealed by the officiating Master Clerk and be included in the show package sent to the Central office to dispatch to the chair of the Clerking Committee for its members' review.

The Executive Secretary / CCA office will provide the Clerking Committee with a copy of the evaluations. Clerks receiving unsatisfactory evaluations will be informed by the Clerking Chair of where improvement is needed. A minimum of four (4) satisfactory evaluations are needed for a candidate to be sent the Senior Clerk exam.

- b) Master Clerk: A written evaluation of the Master Clerk in charge of scoring the show must be completed by the CCA Office which shall be based on the accuracy of the show results. The Executive Secretary / CCA office will provide the Clerking Committee with a copy of the evaluations. Master Clerks receiving unsatisfactory evaluations will be informed by the Clerking Chair of where improvement is needed. A minimum of two (2) satisfactory evaluations are needed for a candidate to be sent the Master Clerk exam.
- c) The host club members may provide their written opinion of the performance of ring clerks and the Master Clerk to the Clerking Committee chair, either positive or negative, which will be considered along with the required evaluations.



### Section 3 - Classifications

- a) A Trainee Clerk is someone 14 years or older, who is learning to clerk, but has not applied to the CCA Clerking Program. Trainee clerks do not need to be CCA members. When sitting in with a Senior Ring Clerk to learn the job, this position is an unpaid position. NOTE: If a Trainee Clerk is invited to take on the role of the clerk in charge of the ring, they will be paid the current Unlicensed Senior Clerk fee listed in Appendix 2, Section 5 of the Show Rules, but they are not eligible to receive the bonus fees paid for shows with more than 120 entries. Assignments are not transferable should the individual choose to apply to the CCA Clerking Program at a later date. Unsatisfactory evaluations may result in the loss of future assignments.
- b) An Assistant Clerk is someone 14 years or older, who has applied to the CCA Clerking Program and is a CCA member (or Junior CCA member) in good standing. When sitting in with a Senior Ring Clerk to learn the job, this position is an unpaid position. An Assistant Clerk invited to take on the role of the acting Senior Clerk will be paid the Unlicensed Senior Clerk fee as listed in Appendix 2, Section 5 of the CCA Show Rules (this type of assignment shall be considered an Assistant Clerk assignment). After successful completion of two (2) assignments (either being trained or being in charge of the ring) clerks will receive their official Assistant Clerk license. A maximum of 2 Assistant Clerk assignments can be used towards the next license level (e.g., Licensed Senior Clerk).
- c) An Unlicensed Senior Clerk is someone 14 years or older, a CCA member (or Junior CCA member) in good standing, a member of the CCA Clerking Program and has an CCA Assistant Clerk license. These individuals will be paid the Unlicensed Senior Clerk fee as per Appendix 2, Section 5 of the Show Rules. The Unlicensed Senior Clerk must successfully complete a minimum of five (5) assignments as the clerk in charge of the ring. After successful completion of the assignments and 4 satisfactory judges' evaluations the clerk is eligible to request the Senior Clerk exam. The request and the current fee for the exam shall be sent to the Executive Secretary / CCA office. A 90% or better average must be attained in order to receive the license. NOTE: Individuals performing the duties of a ring clerk do not need to be CCA members or belong to the Clerking Program, however their assignments are not transferable should they choose to apply to the CCA Clerking Program at a later date. Such individuals shall be paid the current Unlicensed Senior Clerk fee listed in Appendix 2, Section 5 of the Show Rules, but are NOT eligible to receive the bonus fees paid for shows with more than 120 entries. Unsatisfactory evaluations may result in loss of assignments.
- d) A Licensed Senior Clerk is someone 14 years or older, a CCA member (or Junior Member) in good standing, a member of the CCA Clerking Program, and has been licensed as a Senior Clerk by the Clerking Committee. A Licensed Senior Clerk will be paid the current fee as per Appendix 2, Section 5 of the Show Rules. Licensed Senior Clerks 18 years or older may accept invitations to Master Clerk.
- e) An Unlicensed Master Clerk is someone 18 years or older who is a CCA member in good standing, a member of the CCA Clerking Program, and is a Licensed CCA Senior Clerk. When sitting in with a Licensed Master Clerk to learn the job, the Unlicensed Master Clerk is an unpaid position. An Unlicensed Master Clerk (a.k.a. Licensed Senior Clerk) invited to be a show's official Master Clerk shall be paid the Unlicensed Master Clerk fee as listed in Appendix 2, Section 5 of the Show Rules. The clerk must satisfactorily and without assistance complete four (4) Master Clerk assignments (2 one-day shows held on a weekend would be considered 2 assignments) plus have 2 satisfactory office evaluations prior to being able to request the Master Clerk exam. The request and the current fee for the exam shall be sent to the Executive Secretary / CCA office. A 90% or better average must be attained in order to receive the license.
- f) A Licensed Master Clerk is someone 18 years or older, CCA member in good standing, a member of the CCA Clerking Program, and has been licensed as a Master Clerk by the Clerking Committee. A Licensed Master Clerk will be paid the current fee as per Appendix 2, Section 5 of the Show Rules.

#### Section 4 - Maintenance of the **License**

- a) Licensed Senior Clerks and Master Clerks shall pay an annual fee to re-new their clerking licenses which is due at the same time as the annual CCA membership fee.
- b) It is the responsibility of all CCA Clerks to keep up to date with changes to the Show Rules, competitive classes, and final sheets. Effective October 1st, 2018, all clerks shall be re-certified every 5 years by writing an exam which covers new and existing show rules, procedures, understanding of mechanics, etc. The fee to write this exam will be the responsibility of the clerk.
- c) Unsatisfactory evaluations could result in suspension of current license level, additional assignments, or examinations.
- d) Lapsing into inactivity (no assignments) and/or failure to pay the Clerking Program membership fees for more than 3 consecutive years will result in expiration of the individual's current license. Reinstatement of the license shall require the applicant to comply with Appendix 2, Section 1 a) & c), satisfactorily perform the duties of the acting Senior Clerk for one (1) or more shows, receive satisfactory evaluation(s), and pass the written examination for the license being requested. Such re-licensing assignments would be considered unlicensed assignments with payment as per Appendix 2, Section 5.
- e) For each 10 consecutive years of maintaining a valid certified CCA clerking license, the association will recognize the clerk's service with a broch/lapel pin the clerk can wear proudly.

#### Section 5 - Fees

- a) Individuals who are being trained by an experienced clerk (preferably licensed) to gain knowledge of the responsibilities and mechanics of the job (ring clerk or Master Clerk) are not paid positions. Training assignments must be pre-arranged with the club by the Clerking Program committee. One person may be trained per ring and per Master Clerk at a show, with the exception of Regions 3, 4 and 5 which will have a maximum of 3 training clerks per master clerk.
- b) Shows with up to & including 120 entries in the catalogue, the clerk shall be paid:

Unlicensed Senior Clerk	\$35 / day
Unlicensed Master Clerk	\$50 / day
Licensed Senior Clerk	\$45 / day
Licensed Master Clerk	\$60 / day
- c) Shows with MORE than 120 entries in the catalogue, the clerk shall be paid:

Unlicensed Senior Clerk	\$35 / day
Unlicensed Master Clerk	\$50 / day
Licensed Senior Clerk	\$45 + \$0.45 / entry over 120 entries / day
Licensed Master Clerk	\$60 + \$0.60 / entry over 120 entries / day

*NOTE: Clerks and Master Clerks who are unlicensed OR not CCA members will not be entitled to the per entry fee*

*at shows with more than 120 entries. They will be paid the flat base rate only.*

## Section 6 - Discipline

- a) Any exhibitor or member of an affiliated club may protest the actions of a Clerk or Master Clerk in writing within 10 days of the close of that show.
- b) The written and signed protest and a cheque / money order in the amount of the current fee made payable to the Canadian Cat Association shall be sent by registered mail to the Executive Secretary / CCA office. The fee, less administration costs, shall be returned to the protestor if the decision arrived at is in their favour.
- c) The Executive Secretary will advise and forward a copy of the complaint to the chair of the Clerking Committee who will in turn notify the Clerking committee and by registered mail notify the clerk of the complaint.
- d) Upon notification of the protest the Clerk will have 10 days to respond to the complaint in writing and sent by registered mail to the Executive Secretary, who shall in turn forward to the Clerking Chair. The Clerking Committee chair will send the protestor a copy of this correspondence.
- e) The Clerking Committee members will make its decision on the validity of the protest based on all correspondence and signed statements from witnesses.
- f) The Clerking Committee chair will provide a written report to the Board of Directors of the committee's conclusion. The committee will propose the discipline to be taken (if any) to the Directors for their approval. Any disciplinary action must have a 2/3 majority approval of the Board of Directors.
- g) The Clerking Committee Chair shall send by registered mail the decision made in the matter to the protestor and the clerk.

## APPEALS - Clerk

The clerk will have 10 days from receipt of the registered letter containing the decision of the Clerking Committee on the matter to initiate a written appeal to the Board of Directors. The appeal shall be sent by registered mail to the Executive Secretary who will in turn forward to the Chair of the Clerking Committee.

A date and time for a conference call will be set by the Executive Secretary in order for the Directors to hear the complaint and defense of both parties. The attendance of the Clerking Committee Chair, the protestor, and the clerk during the conference call is recommended.

The Directors will vote in confidence (without the protestor, Clerk, and Clerking Committee chair in attendance). A 2/3 majority vote is required. The Board of Directors decision will be final.

## APPEALS - Protestor

The protestor will have 10 days from receipt of the registered letter containing the decision of the Clerking Committee on the matter to initiate a written appeal to the Board of Directors. The appeal shall be sent by registered mail to the Executive Secretary who will in turn forward to the Chair of the Clerking Committee. The appeal procedure would follow the same steps as an appeal made by the clerk.

## Section 7 - Training and Examinations

- a) All clerks regardless of status are expected to be punctual, polite, professional and efficient.
- b) Attendance at a CCA Clerking School is recommended and will count as a ring clerk assignment for those clerks who are members of the Clerking Program. Individuals who are not a CCA member are welcome to attend the school for a nominal fee.
  - i. Clerking schools may be organized by a cat club or by the Clerking Committee.
  - ii. Licensed Master Clerks or judges may be the instructor at clerking schools.
  - iii. A nominal fee to attend the school may be necessary in order to offset any expenses related to the school (e.g., room rental, study materials, equipment rental, etc.) and /or the expenses incurred by the committee in its fulfillment of the Program mandate.

When possible, clerking schools should coincide with a CCA cat show being held the following day. Trainees attending the school will put their new knowledge to use under the supervision of licensed clerks that will run the ring. This assignment will count towards the training clerk's mandatory sessions to become a licensed assistant clerk or licensed senior clerk. Clubs will not be responsible to remunerate the trainee but shall be obliged to provide lunch.

- c) It is recommended inexperienced clerks sit in with an experienced clerk (preferably a Licensed Senior Clerk) for their first assignment in order to learn the job.
- d) Refer to Appendix 2 - Section 3 for the requirements of each level of clerking. Satisfactory written evaluations are required in order to request an exam.
- e) The exams used in the Clerking Program are open-book format which covers topics relevant to the position which can be found in the CCA Show Rules. A 90% or better average is required in order to pass.
  - i. Individuals receiving the exam are required to return their answers within 45 days of its receipt.
  - ii. Two members of the Clerking Committee will mark the exam. The final grade will be the average of the combined scores of the two members who marked the exam. The Clerking Chair shall return a copy of the marked exam to the clerk within 30 days of its receipt. The Clerking Chair will also forward a copy of both graded exams to the CCA office to archive in the clerk's file.
  - iii. Failure to pass the Senior Clerk exam will require the individual to Senior Clerk at least (1) show\* and pass a make-up exam (no additional fee required). A second failing grade would require the individual to Senior Clerk three (3) shows\* and pay the fee for another exam. \*Satisfactory evaluations of the assignments is necessary in order to obtain an exam.
  - iv. Failure to pass the Master Clerk exam will require the individual to Master Clerk at least one (1) show\* and pass a make-up exam (no additional fee required). A second failing grade would require the individual to Master Clerk at least (2) shows\* and pay the fee for another exam. \*Satisfactory evaluations of the assignments is necessary in order to obtain an exam.
- f) The CCA Clerking Manual or other handouts provided to clerks as teaching tools may contain general information on how to manage a ring, explanation of ring mechanics and other helpful suggestions. Any information in the manual regarding program eligibility, training, requisition of exams, discipline procedures, etc. must be in accordance to the CCA Show Rules.

## APPENDIX 3 - BREED SECTION AND HOUSEHOLD PET SECTION STANDING RULES

### Section 1

Breed and Household Pet Sections serve as advisory bodies on the Standards Committee. Breed and Household Pet Section members channel opinions and suggestions from the individual breeders/owners to their Breed Secretary/Administrator.

### Section 2

- a) Membership in any Breed or Household Pet Section may be obtained by submitting to the C.C.A. Registrar a completed membership form together with the appropriate fee. A membership runs from January 1st to December 31.
- b) Membership in any Breed Section is divided into two classes, voting and non-voting.
- c) Voting rights in any breed section is restricted to those members who have registered a cattery name with C.C.A. and have bred a cat which has attained the title of Grand Champion or Grand Premier at a C.C.A. sanctioned show. In order to be a voting member in the Household Pet section, a Household Pet owner must be a member of CCA and have shown a cat to the title of Companion (4 finals).
- d) Existing Breed Section members with voting rights prior to October 1, 2018, will be grandfathered in and retain those rights.

Judges of the CANADIAN CAT ASSOCIATION shall be ex-officio members of all breed and Household Pet sections and as such shall receive all correspondence emanating from the Breed or Household Pet Section Secretary and the Standards Committee Chairman. However, they shall be entitled to vote only if they qualify for voting membership in any particular breed or household pet section and have paid the appropriate fee.

### Section 3

- a) Breed or Household Pet Section members forward opinions and suggestions to their section's Secretary/Administrator. It is the responsibility of the Breed or Household pet section Breed Secretary/Administrator to forward these opinions and suggestions to the other members of their Breed or Household pet section. The weight of these opinions will form the basis for a request from the section for a vote which the Secretary/Administrator will forward to the Standards Committee Chair. The Breed Secretary shall receive and include on the ballot questions submitted by current voting member(s) of the breed section (if relevant). The Breed Secretary must include on the breed section's ballot questions submitted at the request of the CCA Standards Committee and/or the CCA Board of Directors.
- b) With guidance from the Standards Committee, the Breed or Household Pet section Secretary/Administrator will prepare a ballot (in questionnaire form). The ballot will be forwarded to the Standards Committee Chair for final approval prior to the Secretary/Administrator sending the ballots to their section's voting members.
- c) The Secretary/Administrator will send the ballots either electronically or by postal service to their section's voting members. In order for a ballot to be considered valid, the ballot must be signed

by the voting member and returned to the CCA-AFC office by the published deadline. Ballots returned electronically (faxed or scanned copy of ballot) must show the signature of the voting member.

- d) A Breed or Household Pet sections' ADMINISTRATOR cannot vote. The exception to this rule is in Experimental or New Breed sections which do not meet the requirements for a Breed Secretary.
- e) The ballot will be returned to the CCA-AFC office by the return date published on the ballot. Post-mark (envelopes) or date stamp (email attachment/fax) will determine eligibility. The CCA-AFC Administrative Director shall notify the Standards' Chair of the ballot results, who in turn will notify the Breed or Household Pet Sections' Secretary/Administrator for them to advise their members.
- f) The Standards Committee Chairperson shall present the results to the Board of Directors at the next regular meeting or by March 1. If approved, these changes will come into effect May 1, the beginning of the new show season.
- g) In order for any change to be considered by the Directors at least 50% of the voting members must respond and 2/3 of these voting in the affirmative. Two or more Breed Sections may decide to unite their standards and classification provided 50% of the members of each section vote and that 67% of the respondents in each section vote in the affirmative.

#### Section 4

Eligibility for Secretary of Breed Sections:

- a) Current C.C.A. member
- b) Current Voting member of specific breed or household pet section. NOTE: A judge from another cat registering association is not eligible.

#### Section 5

Procedures for Election of a Breed Secretary:

- a) A breed or household pet section shall elect a Secretary from its voting members. Any voting member wishing to run for Secretary must declare their intentions in writing to the Standards Committee Chairperson of that year or other delegated person by January 15 of the year the election would be held. See Appendix 3, Section 4 for eligibility.
- b) If elections are required, the Standards Committee Chairperson (or other appointed person) will prepare and mail ballots for these election(s). This ballot must be forwarded to the voting members on or before February 15. Voting members of the section as of January 31 are eligible to vote.
- c) In the absence of voting members or no voting member wishes to be Secretary, the position shall be offered to non-voting members. These individuals will be known as Breed Administrators.
- d) If no member wishes to be Secretary, the Standards Committee will govern the Section's activities.

- e) A ballot must contain the following:
  - 1. Name of breed section;
  - 2. List of candidates in alphabetical order;
  - 3. Return date of the ballot;
  - 4. The statement "No photocopies or faxes allowed".
- f) The Standards Committee Chairperson will advise each candidate in writing of the results of the election.
- g) The roster of Breed Sections Secretaries/Administrators will be available to the general membership at that year's Annual General Meeting. This list will also be available from the CCA office and appear on the CCA website.
- h) The elected secretary for a breed section shall assume their duties as of May 1 ending April 30. Effective May 1, 2011 Breed Section Secretaries be elected or appointed in odd numbered years for a term of two years.

#### Section 6

- a) An active section is defined as one with a least three (3) voting members.
- b) In breed sections with less than 3 voting members, CCA All Breed Judges will be allowed to vote on revisions to standards.

#### Section 7

Duties - The Breed Secretary will:

- a) Seek whenever possible to increase the numbers of the section.
- b) Encourage correspondence not only with himself/herself, but among members of the section.
- c) Submit any proposals for change to their breed's standard to the Standards Committee Chair for review prior to the Secretary/Administrator sending the proposals to their section's voting members.
- d) A Breed Secretary or Administrator may request reasonable financial assistance for producing and mailing one set of correspondence to its members from the CCA office or request free publication of relevant information on the Association's electronic members' page. Approval of request from Standards Committee is required.

#### Section 8

Ratification of Motions:

- a) At least 50% of the VOTING MEMBERS must have responded and at least 2/3 of the latter must have approved the motion for it to be considered for approval by the Board of directors. The Board's major concern here is whether it is "detrimental to the fancy".
- b) Any changes to standards or any recommendations the Board has rejected will be announced at the A.G.M. and incorporated as such in the minutes.

## APPENDIX 4 - ALL CANADIAN AND REGIONAL AWARDS

### Section 1

#### a) ALL CANADIAN SCORING

All-Canadian scoring for the top Cats, Kittens, and Alters for the year shall be calculated as follows, with the exception of Household Pets where all rings will be scored as All Breed. Bonus Ring finalists that received both All Breed and Specialty placements will receive the total points of both those finals:

PLACEMENT	ALL BREED	SPECIALTY
1 <sup>st</sup>	100	50
2 <sup>nd</sup>	92	46
3 <sup>rd</sup>	84	42
4 <sup>th</sup>	76	38
5 <sup>th</sup>	68	34
6 <sup>th</sup>	60	30
7 <sup>th</sup>	52	26
8 <sup>th</sup>	44	22
9 <sup>th</sup>	36	18
10 <sup>th</sup>	28	14

Best of Breed (Championship class only) 4 points

2nd Best of Breed (Championship class only) 2 points

In the event of a top 15 cats final in any category, the following points system will be used for the All Canadian Awards scoring in that category:

PLACEMENT	ALL BREED	SPECIALTY
1 <sup>st</sup>	140	70
2 <sup>nd</sup>	132	66
3 <sup>rd</sup>	124	62
4 <sup>th</sup>	116	58
5 <sup>th</sup>	108	54
6 <sup>th</sup>	100	50
7 <sup>th</sup>	92	46
8 <sup>th</sup>	84	42
9 <sup>th</sup>	76	38
10 <sup>th</sup>	68	34
11 <sup>th</sup>	60	30
12 <sup>th</sup>	52	26
13 <sup>th</sup>	44	22
14 <sup>th</sup>	36	18
15 <sup>th</sup>	28	14



- b) At the completion of the show season, a cat/alter/household pet will be credited with the points from its highest fifteen (15) scored shows in that category.

For a kitten award, the kitten will be credited with the points from its highest seven (7) shows earned as a kitten. If a cat/alter/household pet is exhibited in fifteen shows or less, the total credited points will be the sum.

For kittens exhibited in seven shows or less, the total credited points will be the sum.

The maximum number of shows to be scored will be periodically reviewed by the Scoring Committee and Board of Directors and adjusted as deemed appropriate.

- c) Cats, Kittens, Alters or Household Pets which receive 3 Withhold Awards (W/A) from three different judges in the same class are ineligible for National or Regional Awards.
- d) All Canadian (National) Awards will be calculated for the top 15 cats, 15 kittens, 15 alters and 15 household pets.
- e) In order to be eligible for an All Canadian (National) Award a cat, kitten, alter or household pet must score at least 100 points and be registered with the Canadian Cat Association by the end of the show season (April 30).
- f) In order to be eligible for an All Canadian **Breed** Award a cat must score at least 100 points and be registered with the Canadian Cat Association by the end of the show season (April 30).
- g) In the event that the Show has one day in the previous show year and the other in the following Show year, both days' scores are counted in the previous Show Year.

## Section 2

- a) Member clubs wishing to host the All Canadian Awards will apply in writing to the Executive Secretary. If more than one application is received for a given year, the Executive Secretary will prepare a list of applications to be presented to the general membership at the annual General Meeting for consideration and balloting. The application should include all the details on the facilities and a date no later than two calendar months after the end of the show season for that year.
- b) Member clubs will apply in writing to the Executive Secretary to host the Annual General Meeting in time for him/her to prepare a list of applicants for the Board of Directors for their consideration. Each applying club should include possible dates and facilities it intends to use.

## Section 3

The points scored for the National Awards will be available on the CCA Website and/or on a sponsor Website. At the end of the year, the CCA Registrar will notify the owners of the winning cats.

## Section 4

### REGIONAL SCORING:

- a) Winning cats from each region will be awarded on an annual basis, by a system similar to that of the All-Canadian Awards. Regional points will be accumulated from shows in any or all of the existing regions. Clubs will decide on a regional basis the date and location of their awards event. Regional awards will be calculated for top 15 cats, 15 Kittens, 15 Alters 15 HHPs. In order to be eligible for a Regional Award, a cat, kitten, alter, or Household Pet must score at least 100 points. Cats, Kittens, & Alters must be registered with The C.C.A. by the end of the show season (April 30), in order to be eligible for a Regional Award.

In the event that a cat is sold out of its region or the owner moved (with the cat) to a new region - the cat will be scored in the region where its owner resided when the cat won the majority of its points for that award.

In the case of cats co-owned by people from different regions, the owners must designate one region in which the cat will be competing at the beginning of the cat's show career.

- b) Cats, Kittens, Alters, and Household Pets which receive 3 Withhold Awards (W/A) from three different judges in the same class are ineligible for Regional Awards.

## Section 5

### INTERNATIONAL SCORING

- a) Winning cats whose owner(s) reside(s) outside of Canada will be awarded on an annual basis, by a system similar to that of the All Canadian Awards. International points will be accumulated from shows held in any or all of the existing CCA regions. International awards will be calculated for top 15 cats, 15 kittens, 15 alters, and 15 household pets. In order to be eligible for an International Award; a cat, kitten, alter, or household pet must score at least 100 points. Cats, kittens, and alters must be registered with the CCA by the end of the show season (April 30), in order to be eligible for an International Award.
- b) In the event that a cat is sold to someone who resides in one of CCA's 5 regions, or the owner moved (with the cat) to a CCA region - the cat will be scored for the award (either a Regional Award or International Award) where its owner resided when the cat won the majority of its points for that award.
- c) In the case of cats co-owned by people from within Canada and outside of Canada, the owners must designate at the beginning of the cat's show career, in which geographic area the cat will be scored (i.e., a CCA Region or International Region).
- d) Cats, kittens, alters and household pets which receive 3 Withhold Awards (W/A) from three different judges in the same class are ineligible for International Awards.
- e) International Awards will be presented at the show held in conjunction with the All Canadian Awards.

## Section 6

- a) The recipients of all perpetual trophies and awards be required to sign an agreement to return the trophies and awards in a presentable condition (i.e., polished and in good repair) by the end of the following show season (end of April) to the CCA Office.

Corporate promotion of CCA National and/or Regional winners – other than by the recognized CCA sponsor - requires approval by the CCA Board of Directors

## APPENDIX 5 - BEST OF THE BEST CATS SCORING AT SHOWS

### Section 1

At their discretion, CCA affiliated clubs may choose to award special rosettes to any class of exhibited cat. E.g. Best of the Best. Clubs are not obligated to make any such awards. Clubs may direct the Master Clerk, or any other person of their choice to calculate these special awards. The following point system is to be used:

### Section 2

PLACEMENT	ALL BREED	SPECIALTY
1 <sup>st</sup>	20	10
2 <sup>nd</sup>	18	9
3 <sup>rd</sup>	16	8
4 <sup>th</sup>	14	7
5 <sup>th</sup>	12	6
6 <sup>th</sup>	10	5
7 <sup>th</sup>	8	4
8 <sup>th</sup>	6	3
9 <sup>th</sup>	4	2
10 <sup>th</sup>	2	1

### Section 3

In the event of a top 15 final in any Class(es), the following system is to be used for that/those Class(es). Both All Breed and Specialty will be scored using this method to retain integrity of the scoring.

PLACEMENT	ALL BREED	SPECIALTY
1 <sup>st</sup>	30	15
2 <sup>nd</sup>	28	14
3 <sup>rd</sup>	26	13
4 <sup>th</sup>	24	12
5 <sup>th</sup>	22	11
6 <sup>th</sup>	20	10
7 <sup>th</sup>	18	9
8 <sup>th</sup>	16	8
9 <sup>th</sup>	14	7
10 <sup>th</sup>	12	6
11 <sup>th</sup>	10	5
12 <sup>th</sup>	8	4
13 <sup>th</sup>	6	3
14 <sup>th</sup>	4	2
15 <sup>th</sup>	2	1

### Section 4

All Household pet finals are considered as ALL Breed.

## Section 5

Bonus Rings finalists that received both All Breed and Specialty placements will receive the total points of both those finals.

## Section 6

### BEST OF BEST TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE

There will be no tied positions for Best of the Best awards. If two or more entries are tied in points, the cat scoring the most points in the Allbreed rings will receive the highest position, the other(s) will place sequentially according to the points they received.

In the event the procedure outlined above does not break the tie, positions will be determined by the results from Ring 1, with positions of tied entries determined by their ranking in that ring.

## APPENDIX 6 – BONUS RING FORMAT

### Section 1

Bonus Ring Format will be available to all clubs beginning May 1, 2015, this format will allow an All-breed Judge upon completion of the breed judging a particular class – Longhairs/shorthairs or all breed (kitten, championship, alter or household pet) to present the bonus finals. The format for presenting the finals will be at the discretion of the officiating Judge and Show Manager. Entries finaling in both the Specialty and All breed finals of the presiding Judge will accumulate both national/regional and grand points as if these finals were two separate rings.

### Section 2

There must be consistency of placement throughout the finalist positions of both Specialty and All breed under a Bonus Ring Judge. An entry may not defeat another entry in the All-breed final of a Bonus Ring if that entry did not place higher in the Specialty portion of that same ring.

### Section 3

It is recommended that Bonus Rings be divided between different Judges, for example: Judge A is designated with a Kitten Bonus Ring, Judge B with Championship Bonus Ring, Judge C with Premiership Bonus Ring and Judge D with Household Pet Bonus Ring. All other classes in each ring would be regular All Breed or Specialty Rings as determined by the club. The show flyer must indicate which Judges and classes will be Bonus Rings.

### Section 4

Clubs in all regions will be allowed to offer two Bonus Rings per show.

### Section 5

A club is only allowed to hold a Bonus Ring if it has been advertised to exhibitors on its show flyer, or 30 days prior to the posted closing date.

### Section 6

The club must inform the invited Judges at the time of invitation if they will be judging a bonus ring, as well as which class they will be assigned. On the show flyer the following short forms should be used: KB –Kitten Bonus ring, CB – Championship Bonus ring, PB – Premiership Bonus ring, HB Household Pet Bonus (e.g.: judge A – AB & KB, Judge B – AB & CB, Judge C – AB & PB, Judge D – AB & HB).

#### Section 7

A show must have at least three rings scheduled in order to host Bonus Rings. Morning/Afternoon split format shows will not be allowed to licence a Bonus Ring.

#### Section 8

Refer to Appendix 4 and Appendix 5 for All Canadian and Best of the Best scoring of Bonus Rings.