The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
2009 BREED COUNCIL POLL

AMERICAN WIREHAIR

Total Members: 16
Ballots Received: 3
60% of Voting: 2

1. **PROPOSED**: Modify the Color and Eye wording in the point score section as follows:

COAT COLOR and EYE COLOR.....10

AND modify the Eye description as follows:

EYES: large, rounded, bright, and clear. Set well apart. Aperture has slight upward tilt. Eye color is irrelevant since the American Wirehair is a product of spontaneous mutation. The color should reflect intensity, and complement the color of the cat.

AND remove the eye color descriptions in the individual color descriptions as follows:

WHITE: pure glistening white. Nose leather and Paw Pads: pink. ~~Eye color: deep blue or brilliant gold. Odd-eyed whites shall have one blue and one gold eye with equal color depth.~~

BLACK: dense coal black, sound from roots to tip of fur. Free from any tinge of rust on tips or smoke undercoat. Nose leather: black. Paw Pads: black or brown. ~~Eye color: brilliant gold~~.

BLUE: blue, lighter shade preferred, one level tone from nose to tip of tail. Sound to the roots. A sound darker shade is more acceptable than an unsound lighter shade. Nose leather and Paw Pads: blue. ~~Eye color: brilliant gold.~~

RED: deep, rich, clear, brilliant red, without shading, markings or ticking. Lips and chin the same color as coat. Nose leather and Paw Pads: brick red. ~~Eye color: brilliant gold.~~

CREAM: one level shade of buff cream, without markings. Sound to the roots. Lighter shades preferred. Nose leather and Paw Pads: pink. ~~Eye color: brilliant gold.~~

CHINCHILLA SILVER: undercoat pure white. Coat on back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with black to give the characteristic sparkling silver appearance. Legs may be slightly shaded with tipping. Chin and ear tufts, stomach and chest, pure white. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with black. Nose leather: brick red. Paw Pads: black. ~~Eye color: green or blue-green.~~

SHADED SILVER: undercoat white with a mantle of black tipping shading down from sides, face and tail from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, chest, stomach, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as the face. The general effect to be much darker than a chinchilla. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with black. Nose leather: brick red. Paw Pads: black. ~~Eye color: green or blue-green.~~

SHELL CAMEO (Red Chinchilla): undercoat white, the coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail to be sufficiently tipped with red to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. Face and legs may be very slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear tufts, stomach, and chest white. Nose leather, Rims of eyes, and Paw Pads: rose. ~~Eye color: brilliant gold.~~

SHADED CAMEO (Red Shaded): undercoat white with a mantle of red tipping shading down the sides, face, and tail from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, chest, stomach, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. The general effect to be much redder than the shell cameo. Nose leather, Rims of eyes, and Paw Pads: rose. ~~Eye color: brilliant gold~~.

BLACK SMOKE: white undercoat, deeply tipped with black. Cat in repose appears black. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask black with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when the fur is parted. Nose leather and Paw Pads: black. ~~Eye color: brilliant gold.~~

BLUE SMOKE: white undercoat, deeply tipped with blue. Cat in repose appears blue. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask blue, with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. Nose leather and Paw Pads: blue. ~~Eye color: brilliant gold.~~

CAMEO SMOKE (Red Smoke): white undercoat, deeply tipped with red. Cat in repose appears red. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask red with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. Nose leather, Rims of eyes, and Paw Pads: rose. ~~Eye color: brilliant gold.~~

SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color, including lips and chin, pale, clear silver. Markings dense black. Nose leather: brick red. Paw Pads: black. ~~Eye color: green or hazel.~~

RED TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color red. Markings deep, rich red. Lips and chin red. Nose leather and Paw Pads: brick red. ~~Eye color: brilliant gold.~~

BROWN TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color brilliant coppery brown. Markings dense black. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Back of leg black from paw to heel. Nose leather: brick red. Paw Pads: black or brown. ~~Eye color: brilliant gold.~~

BLUE TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color, including lips and chin, pale bluish ivory. Markings a very deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Warm fawn overtones or patina over the whole. Nose leather: old rose. Paw Pads: rose. ~~Eye color: brilliant gold.~~

CREAM TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color, including lips and chin, very pale cream. Markings of buff or cream sufficiently darker than the ground color to afford good contrast, but remaining within the dilute color range. Nose leather and Paw Pads: pink. ~~Eye color: brilliant gold.~~

CAMEO TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color off-white. Markings red. Nose leather and Paw Pads: rose. ~~Eye color: brilliant gold.~~

TORTOISESHELL: black with unbrindled patches of red and cream. Patches clearly defined and well-broken on both body and extremities. Blaze of red or cream on face is desirable. ~~Eye color: brilliant gold.~~

CALICO: white with unbrindled patches of black and red. White predominant on underparts. ~~Eye color: brilliant gold, odd-eyed shall have one blue and one gold eye with equal color depth.~~

DILUTE CALICO: white with unbrindled patches of blue and cream. White predominant on underparts. ~~Eye color: brilliant gold, odd-eyed shall have one blue and one gold eye with equal color depth.~~

BLUE-CREAM: blue with patches of solid cream. Patches clearly defined and well-broken on both body and extremities. ~~Eye color: brilliant gold.~~

BI-COLOR: white with unbrindled patches of black, white with unbrindled patches of blue. White with unbrindled patches of red, or white with unbrindled patches of cream. ~~Eye color: gold, the more brilliant the better.~~

OWC (Other Wirehair Colors): any other color or pattern with the exception of those showing evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, the Himalayan pattern, or these combinations with white. ~~Eye color: appropriate to the color of the cat.~~

YES: 1 **NO: 2**

RATIONALE: The American Wirehair is a spontaneous mutation and thus has a variety of color/pattern combinations including eye color. The cat should not be judged on the color of the eye, just the intensity of that eye color and the appropriate coordination with the color of the cat. Eye color intensity, depth and clarity are the defining factors of eye color without detracting from the most important feature which is the coat, followed by the structure of the cat itself.