

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

COLORPOINT SHORTHAIR

Total Members: 56
 Ballots Received: 46
 60% of Voting: 28

1. PROPOSED: Permit registration via 3 generation certified pedigree. Cats to be registered using the 52## identifier already used to identify Oriental ancestry. Transferred animals of appropriate colors would be eligible for championship competition.

YES: 28 NO: 18

RATIONALE: this proposal is being suggested to facilitate transfer of Colorpoint Shorthair from foreign registries. At the February 2006 meeting, a 3 generation transfer policy with identifying numbers was approved by the Board for the Balinese and Javanese breeds. The purpose of the following proposal is to similarly encourage and facilitate transfers of Colorpoint Shorthairs from foreign registries. At this time a minimum of 5 generations (62 possible ancestors) must be submitted for full registration status as either a 22## or 5### series Colorpoint. Cats may be "recorded" for 'breeding purposes only' with one less generation. Standard registration slips provided by foreign registries generally include only 4 generations, thus making it more costly to acquire the additional information. By reducing the number of generations for transfer to 3 (2 for recording purposes) the number of animals that must be checked is reduced significantly. Not only will this help to speed the processing, but will also (hopefully) qualify more animals for transfer, expanding our gene pool. Five generations (4 for recording purposes) would still be required for registration as a 22## series Colorpoint.

Similarly the Balinese already has in place a policy to transfer cats flagged as Oriental hybrids to full breed status once they have achieved 5 generations of appropriate color ancestry.

2. PROPOSED: Permit re-registration (inter-registry transfer) of 5### series Colorpoints (Oriental ancestry) with a minimum of 5 generations acceptable colors (all pointed, no bi-colors) as 22## series Colorpoints. Breeder/owner must request this change.

YES: 32 NO: 14

3. PROPOSED: end the use of the Colorpoint Shorthair breed as an outcross for the Oriental breed, effective with litters born on or after May 1, 2010.

29 Yes, I would like to end the outcross.

17 No, I would like the outcross to continue to be available to the Oriental breed.

RATIONALE: the Oriental breed has been in existence since accepted in 1977 when it used the Colorpoint Shorthair breed as one of its parents. It has used the Colorpoint Shorthair breed for over 30 years to develop a significant gene pool to support the standard chosen by its breeders. Furthermore, the Oriental has a large gene pool of cats to draw on in Europe and other areas of the world.

As an established breed of cat, the Oriental has no need of using its parent breed to increase its gene pool or maintain its type. Therefore the Colorpoint Shorthair Breed Council is voting to request that the Board end the outcross privilege effective for litters born on or after May 1, 2010.

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4. Do you approve the creation of a pointed division within the Oriental (Shorthair Division) breed to include the 16 unique colors of the Colorpoint Shorthair?

YES: 13 NO: 33

5. Do you feel the acceptance of a pointed class within the Oriental breed that includes silver-lynx points and tortie smoke points will create cats that are visually identical to the unique colors that exist within the Colorpoint Shorthair breed, and as such, will create visually identical cats in different classes in the show ring? In addition, this will affect the uniqueness of the Colorpoint Shorthair with the general public and reduce it's ability to market their value as a unique breed when educating the public as to their unique value?

YES: 30 NO: 16

RATONALE: once again, the Oriental ballot includes a proposal to create a pointed division of the Oriental breed. The proposal is written in two parts - the first one includes the 16 colors of the Colorpoint Shorthair breed. When the CFA Attorney was asked if he felt that creating a division within the Oriental breed that

included cats identical to those described in the Colorpoint Shorthair standard, a standard that already includes the following wording in the General Section - "The ideal is a cat with type identical to the Siamese, but with its own distinct and unique colors. While the color differences set it apart as a unique breed, the purpose of the hybridization was to establish cats identical in type to the Siamese but with separate colors. The Colorpoint Shorthair standard reflects this objective and preserves its unique colors."

The CFA attorney agreed it is likely the Board would rule that the addition of the 16 colors to the Oriental breed would "affect" the Colorpoint Shorthair breed within the meaning of the CFA Constitution. Since, in that event, the Constitution requires a 60% approval of the "affected" breed council, he suggested this matter be included on the Colorpoint Shorthair breed ballot. As your Breed Council Secretary, I urge you to vote "yes," that you do feel our cats should remain unique in their color and type and that an identical cat competing within another breed would diminish the value of our breed, both in the show ring and in its perception to the public at large.