

CCCA PROTOCOL FOR BREED STANDARD REVIEW AND REVISION

Breed Council Sub Committee
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A protocol for 'breed standard review and revision'

A protocol for 'breed standard review and revision' Second Draft submitted to CCCA Meeting for review by the delegate bodies.

This protocol is to set out a series of steps which ensures that any proposed changes/additions to Breed Standards, allowable outcrosses, recognised colours/patterns are sent back to each affiliate for them to collect and collate the opinions of their experienced breeders PLUS, for anything other than minor changes, a presentation and discussion at the Annual Judges Conference, allowing the inclusion of breeder/s presentation/s as well as by experienced Judges of the breed in question

1. Submission by a breeder/s to their governing body concerning changes, amendments to their breed Standard, with the request that the matter be considered at the CCCA level.
THIS IS THE CURRENT PROTOCOL AND COVERS ALL SUBMISSIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO CCCA.

2. Submission received by CCCA Secretary, - proposal **immediately** circulated to Secretaries of all Affiliated Bodies (including the body initially submitting the proposal) with the request that they circulate to/advise their breeders of the nature of the submission, and invite their input.
ACTED ON IMMEDIATELY, WITHOUT GOING TO A CCCA MEETING

The real area of debate needs to be thrown back to the breeders, how this is to be implemented would be up to each affiliate, where there are breed clubs they would be consulted, publications could be used (eg Feline Focus, Catching Up) but these don't cover anything like the whole breedership - I do see the possibility that various web chat lists could be utilised to inform breeders that a debate was going on, or there could be a mail out (which may be unnecessarily expensive unless there are major revisions proposed). GIVE A SHORT TIME FRAME (fitting in with the timing of the CCCA meetings) FOR RESPONSES (PREFERABLY NO MORE THAN 6 WEEKS) If it really matters there will be a response!!

3. Secretaries of Affiliated organisations to write to Judges/breeders and invite contributions on the proposed changes, via their own internal protocols. Secretaries of Affiliated bodies to collate and forward these responses to the CCCA Secretary who will provide them to the Breeds Council to prepare a recommendation to the CCCA.

Our role to sort out submissions, assess whether it is a major or minor matter, whether it is very divisive of Cat Fancy, whether it breaks any existing rules regarding breed standards, whether there are any over riding health or genetic considerations, and whether it warrants consideration/presentations to the annual judges conference.

4. CCCA meeting to consider proposal

THIS MAY BE FOR A SEMINAR ON THE TOPIC, OR IN THE FORM OF A PROPERLY WORDED AMENDMENT/S TO A STANDARD OR BREEDING REGULATION

5. Affiliates take proposed amendment/s back to their bodies for direction, to enable a vote at the following CCCA Meeting.

OR

6. The organiser of the next CCCA Judges Conference is requested to include the topic in their agenda, with suggestions as to whom should be invited to make a presentation.

(After which the route to be followed should become somewhat clearer!)

Motion:

CCCA adopt protocol as submitted