

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
2011 BREED COUNCIL POLL

Total Members – 124

Ballots Received – 45

60% of Voting - 27

MAINE COON

1. **PROPOSED:** Revise Disqualify Section to disqualify for unregistrable tabby patterns. Remove the Abyssinian-type ticked tabby wording from the sentence on evidence of hybridization and move ticked tabby to the last sentence. This is, in essence, a housekeeping change.

Current:

DISQUALIFY: delicate bone structure. Undershot chin, i.e. the front teeth (incisors) of the lower jaw overlapping or projecting beyond the front teeth of the upper jaw when the mouth is closed. Crossed eyes. Kinked tail. Incorrect number of toes. White buttons, white lockets, or white spots. Cats showing evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, the Himalayan pattern; or unpatterned agouti on the body (i.e. Abyssinian type ticked tabby).

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RATIONALE: Since the Maine Coon Rules for Registration allow foundation cats, there is the possibility of the spotted tabby and ticked tabby patterns coming in via the “feral” population. In addition, these patterns are unregistrable, yet there are recent instances where one or the other of these patterns has been registered. The current registration rules allow for the registration of classic tabby, mackerel tabby, and patched tabby patterns ONLY. This closes a loophole in the current standard wherein registration errors may take place and must be dealt with by the standard.

This also reinforces the precedent that the only tabby patterns recognized in CFA Maine Coons since they were accepted for registration are the classic tabby and mackerel tabby (and the patched tabby in these two patterns).

YES: 30

NO: 15

ABSTAIN: 0

Ballots must be returned in the envelope provided and be RECEIVED in the Central Office by Thursday, December 15, 2011.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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