

NORTH CENTRAL REGION NEWS

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Got Changes for Show or Registration Rules?

This is the year for submitting changes to show rules and registration rules.

The March/April edition of the ACFA Bulletin contains a form on which to submit changes, or go to the ACFA Website at:

www.acfacat.com

If you don't use the form, the Bulletin lists the information that must be included.

April 30th is the deadline for submitting changes. ACFA looks at show and registration changes once every three years.

New ACFA Sponsor

ACFA has entered into a special program with **Revival Animal Health**. In a deal approved by the Board during the Semi-Annual, Revival agreed to make a five percent **donation to ACFA for all orders generated by ACFA exclusive of vaccines**. Revival is an Iowa catalog company which offers such items as disinfectants, grooming products, cages, carriers and supplements.

Revival also offers products for dogs, fish, horses and other animals. The five percent donation program includes all purchases (except vaccines) made by customers who identify themselves as ACFA supporters. For a catalog, call 1-800-786-4751.

ACFA Celebrates 50 Years

By Jim Nelson, Regional Director

I am pleased to announce that Gopher State Cat Club will host the 50th Anniversary of ACFA and 2004-05 INTERAMERICAN AWARDS presentation in Rochester, MN. Gopher State was one of the original chartered ACFA clubs and holds the record for continuous shows.

"*TOP HAT AND CAT TAILS*" is the theme of the event, which takes place in the Kahler Grand Hotel, 20 SW 2nd Ave., Rochester, Minnesota (800-533-1655) or www.kahler.com. This hotel is grand by any measure and has hosted dignitaries from around the world, yet is affordable for the Annual.

August 16-19 - Board of Directors Meetings—Open for everyone to listen.

August 19 - Open Membership Meeting—EVERYONE WELCOME!

August 19 - Awards Presentation

August 20-21 - Cat Show

Contact Kathy Grant at 651-688-7984 or 612-987-7107 for further information.

Why attend an Annual? You get to see your board of directors working first-hand. You learn more about your association. You get to celebrate with other friends from across ACFA.

The NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL AWARDS program is September 10, 2005 and hosted by Fox River Valley Cat Club, Neenah, WI, with the theme, "*CELEBRATE THE SEASONS*." The cat show will be September 10-11 in the Tri County Arena, 700 E Shady Lane, Neenah, WI.

I hope to see all of you at these two events. Check the regional Website for the Show Calendar and regional information.

News From the Semi

ACFA has started a **Rainbow Bridge Memorial Program**. The purpose is to memorialize your cat while raising money for ACFA. More details will be coming.

The **Little Lion Award** was approved to honor very special HHPs who give the judges and spectators enjoyment. Judges will be able to nominate cats with the award presented at the Annual.

ACFA joined the **Purebred Rescue Board**. What began as a CFA project is being expanded to include other associations. ACFA will have a representative on the board. The group rescues about 100 cats per month. They are developing a Website.

Kudos to **Carol Barbee** for getting the Parade of Royalty out even earlier this year. Thanks, too, to **Abbie Krakowski** for donating envelopes for shipping PORs. **Special thanks to all who advertised.**

The golden series and sepia series were added to the ACFA color list.

Don Finger chairs the ACFA Sponsorship Committee, which helped convince Revival to join ACFA. Other committee members from this region are: **Camille Rogers** and **Rebecca Ansari**.

Credit cards - New Federal legislation DOES NOT ALLOW merchants to keep a customer's credit card number on file. **Central Office will no longer keep account numbers on file.** Members are reminded that emails are NOT SECURE and you should NOT SEND YOUR CREDIT CARD NUMBER VIA EMAIL.

Members are encouraged to use **pre-paid litter slips**. This is a great new program for ACFA and can be used like gift certificates. If you have questions, contact your Regional Director.

ACFA Board Discusses New Breed Issues

At their semi-annual meeting, the ACFA Board spent many hours discussing experimental breed issues. Experimental breeds are those usually still in the development stage, but which have not met the requirements for Championship Status. Talk to your Regional Director for more information.

Pixie Bobs - The Pixie Bob was accepted for Experimental Status as a Developed Breed with a variety of registration restrictions and changes in the standards. It was noted that we have a show rule prohibiting polydactyly in any breed. Some of the other restrictions include: every registered cat must prove by DNA parentage testing that they do not carry jungle cat, bobcat and Asian Leopard cat, and that newly registered cats submit test results with the registration form. A cat in the show ring must be third generation Pixie Bob to Pixie Bob. Ancestry may reflect other breeds and unknowns at this point.

Standard changes included: High cheekbones under the eyes were left out and were added. Nose bump is desirable. There should be a minimal distance between the bottom of the nose leather and the upper lip. Whisker pads must be fleshy. Withhold all awards after cats that resemble other cats, or jungle (Chausie) or Asian Leopard (Bengal). A cat having its nose ridge pinched sharply upward distorting the soft diamond muzzle will be withheld. Cats having full length tails, tails shorter than one inch, or docked tails will be withheld. Penalize for tails that extend past the hocks. They will never add another color.

Chantilly - The Chantilly breed was placed under the new guidelines for experimental breeds starting officially as of the Semi and will be given a period of three years in order to advance. Some expressed that the problem is that the active members in this breed are too geographically separated to get together on the development. It was suggested to give them a time limit. The breeds that we are accepting as new now have specific requirements.

LaPerms - ACFA does not have a Breed Chair and we have not seen one exhibited in years. They were the last breed accepted before the moratorium. There is one being shown as a HHP but the owner is not planning to work with LaPerms. There have been no registrations in years and ACFA Executive Director Connie Vandrie has warned them about their status being in jeopardy. The Board voted (6 yes, 3 no - including NC Regional Director Jim Nelson) to rescind the experimental status of LaPerm on August 1, 2005 unless they have shown at least 10 times.

REGIONAL JUDGE NEWS

Maureen Krzeszewski was approved for licensing as AB pending successful completion of her exam. (*Okay, Maureen no longer lives in this region, but she remains active in North Central clubs.*)

Those interested in becoming judges are reminded that applicants to the Championship Program must be licensed HHP Judges first.

REGIONAL WEBSITE ONLINE

Jo and Glen Newton have developed a Web site to keep our members up to date of "what's going on" in our region at: www.acfanorthcentralregion.org/

You'll find see all sorts of useful information, especially about the shows. This is also a great place for show managers or entry clerks to list information that might not have been printed on the show flyer. **If you have a club site, ask to have the regional site linked to you.**

IF YOU HAVE IDEAS for the website, please contact Jo, Glen or Regional Director Jim Nelson.

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Need more information? Contact Camille Rogers at: [jraca@frontiemet.net](mailto:jracfa@frontiemet.net)

Support your North Central ACFA Cat Shows & Activities

- April 23-24 Gopher State Cat Club, Farmington, MN
- April 25 Gopher State Cat Club Judge's School
- April 30 Deadline for submitting judge's & clerk licenses, show and registration rule changes.
- May 14-15 Cat Tales Cat Fanciers Inc., Maple Grove, MN
- July 16-17 Madison Cat Club, Middleton, WI
- August 6-7 Coulee Region Cat Club, Onalaska, MN
- August 16-21 ACFA's 50th ANNUAL—Rochester, MN**
- August 20-21 Gopher State Cat Club—Show in conjunction with Annual.**
- September 1 Deadline for nominations for ACFA officers, directors, JPC and breed committees.
- September 10-11 **REGIONAL AWARDS** Fox River Valley Cat Club, Neenah, WI
- October 1-2 Cat N Around Cat Club, Des Moines, IA
- October 15-16 Friendly Kat Fanciers of Iowa, Cedar Rapids, IA
- October 29-30 Big Sioux Cat Fanciers, Sioux Falls, SD
- November 6 Janesville Allbreed Cat Club, Janesville, WI
- December 10 TIMACS, Crown Point, IN
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- February 4-5 Rock Valley Cat Club, Rockford, IL
- March 18-19 Central Wisconsin Cat Club, Wausau, WI
- April 1-2 Minn-Kota Feline Club, West Fargo, ND
- April 22-23 Gopher State Cat Club, Farmington, MN
- May 13-14 Cat Tales Cat Fanciers, Maple Grove, MN
- July 15-16 Madison Cat Club, Stoughton, WI