



GUIDELINES FOR CFA BREED STANDARD CHANGES

(Revised 25 June 2021)

Breed Standard Timeline for Changes, Advancement, and Membership

DEADLINES

The dates where traditional dates specified within the constitution are on Saturday or Sunday will be shifted to the next Monday. The deadline for receipt of ballots will be determined each year by Central Office. Please always refer to the CFA website each year at <https://cfa.org/cfa-timetable/> for exact dates.

August 1

- Deadline for breed council membership.
- Deadline to declare for breed council secretary/breed committee chair (even years only).
- Deadline for new breed/color application and advancement deadline.
- Breed council secretaries must have all proposed standard changes from breed council members.

August 15

- Breed council secretaries of affected breeds must be notified of any breed color or advancement requests that might affect their standard by the submitting breed council secretary.**
- Proposed breed standard/registration ballot items to Breeds and Standards committee for review.

August 31

- All proposals due to the Breeds & Standards Committee Chair or designated committee member. No changes to the proposals (other than correction of typos, etc.) permitted after this date.

Mid September

- Breed council proposed standard/registration changes must be received by Central Office from the Breeds and Standards Committee.

Early November

- Breed ballots will be available for voting on-line.

Mid December

- Breed balloting completed.

** If a planned proposal affects another breed(s), the first breed council secretary must submit the proposed change to the breed council secretary of the other breed(s). The item will appear on the affected breed(s) ballot(s) as “information only”. Refer any question of whether a proposal may affect another breed to the Breeds & Standards Committee Chair.

Examples of this include, but are not limited to:

- Merging of two breeds for registration and/or show purposes.
- The disallowance of one breed as an outcross for another breed.
- Adding a breed as an outcross or extending an existing outcross.
- The disallowance of the right to show one breed in the affected classes.
- The creation of a mimic to another breed from an existing breed or breeds.

All deadlines reflect the date that application, advancement material, or ballots must be RECEIVED.

BALLOT ITEMS

Send ballot items as an attachment via e-mail to Annette Wilson (arwilson@prodigy.net) no later than August 31 or the deadline specified on the CFA website at <https://cfa.org/cfa-timetable/> Earlier is better than later!

Please follow the guidelines below to ensure changes are clear. The following examples were taken from previous ballots and/or are fictional.

1) General Guidelines.

- Every proposed change should include the following:
 - A PROPOSED section describing the change.
 - PROPOSED standard wording using guidelines below.
 - Using the existing wording from the standard, indicate all deletions using strikethroughs.
 - Underline all additions.
 - A RATIONALE section describing the reason for the change.
- Consistency is important within a breed description. For example, if eye color is listed on every color description, a new color description should include eye color.
- Recommendations for new colors should include the following:
 - A description of the new color consistent with color descriptions within the breed standard.
 - A suggestion of a new color under breed color class numbers, if desired.
- Indicate color class numbers by XXXX. Central Office will assign final color class numbers once a proposal is passed and ratified.

Other CFA breed standards can sometimes be a useful source of information when trying to word new standard changes. However, do not reference another breed in your standard.

Consistency among standards when describing common features makes the standards easier to understand.

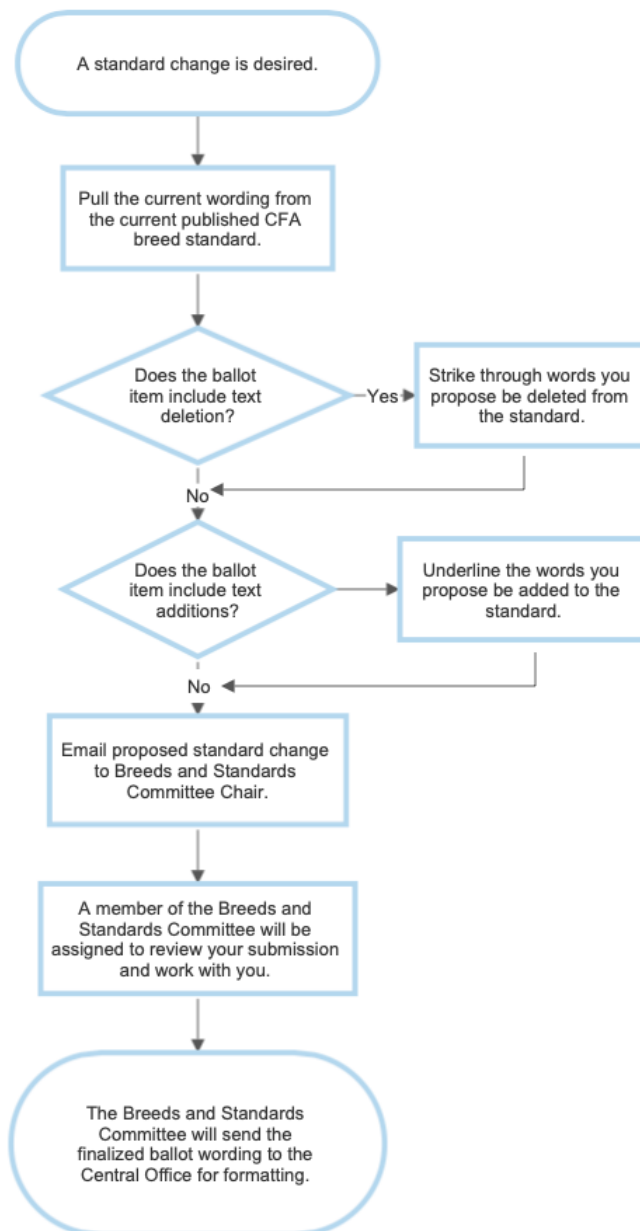
Ballot items not relating to standard or registration rule changes may be included and indicated as “informational only”.

Microsoft WORD must be used and your document should include all of your ballot items in one document. Do not include bulleting, multiple tabulation, indents, centering or similar formatting; the ballots will all be formatted in a consistent manner once finalized.

Send ballot proposals to the Breeds and Standards Committee via the email above so they can ensure all ballot items are received and eliminate last minute issues. A member of the committee will be assigned to work with the breed council secretary to facilitate writing the proposals and to eliminate inconsistencies.

The Breeds and Standards Committee will forward the ballot items to the CFA Secretary who will work with Central Office for formatting into on-line voting software.

2) Process.



3) To Delete Wording:

- Name section within standard to be changed (ex. Disqualify, Body, etc.).
- List section to be changed as currently written. List the entire section if possible. If the section is long, list sentence before and after desired change or provide the number of the sentence to be changed.
- Indicate before and after using ellipses (...) to indicate wording before and after the section to be changed.
- Words or phrases deleted should be struck through.

Example

PROPOSAL 1: Change penalize section of the standard regarding tail faults. The standard would read as follows:

PROPOSED: PENALIZE: pigmentation of nose leather and/or paw pads which is not consistent with the cat's particular color description. ~~Palpable and/or Visible protrusion of the cartilage at the end of the sternum.~~

RATIONALE: This matches the change made to the Siamese standard last year. The reasons they removed it are applicable here also. If a zyphoid is not visible, it should not be penalized.

4) To Add Wording:

- Name section within standard to be changed (ex. Disqualify, Body, etc).
- List section to be changed as currently written. List the entire section if possible. If the section is long, list sentence before and after desired change or provide the number of the sentence to be changed.
- Indicate before and after using ellipses (...) to indicate wording before and after the section to be changed.
- Underline words being added.

Example

PROPOSAL 2: Add wording to further describe the BODY section: Change to read as follows:

PROPOSED: BODY: Medium Sized. Graceful, long, and svelte. A distinctive combination of fine bones and firm muscles. ...

RATIONALE: Currently, the word Graceful is missing from the CPSH standard. This proposal adds graceful to match the Siamese standard in describing the CPSH body. Since the CPSH structure is identical to the Siamese, the standards should be as similar as possible.

5) To Change Wording (both delete and adding text):

- Name section within standard to be changed (ex. Disqualify, Body, etc).
- List section to be changed as currently written. List the entire section if possible. If the section is long, list sentence before and after desired change or provide the number of the sentence to be changed.
- Indicate proposed changes by striking out words to be eliminated and underlining words to be added.

Example

PROPOSAL 3: Change the **SPOTTED TABBY PATTERN** as follows:

PROPOSED: Markings on the body to be dense, clearly defined and distinctly spotted. Spots may vary in size or shape ~~with preference given to round, evenly distributed spots. Ideally, body spots should not run together in a broken mackerel line pattern but should subtly suggest a classic tabby pattern; a spot encircled by spots. Body spots may subtly suggest a mackerel or classic pattern but may not be connected and preference given to spots in random pattern.~~ A dorsal stripe runs down the length of this body to the tip of the tail. The dorsal stripe is ideally composed of spots with alternating horizontal "brush strokes" and spots on the tail. Preference given to a dorsal stripe composed of spots with alternating horizontal "brush strokes." Tail may be barred with preference given to spots. There is an intricate tabby "M" on the forehead, with markings extending over the head between the ears and breaking into spots on the lower neck and shoulders. An unbroken line runs back from the outer corner of the eye. Swirls on cheeks. Spots are scattered along the front shoulders and hind quarters extending as far as possible down the legs with

broken necklaces further down on the lower leg and broken at the throat, the more broken the better.
Buttons on belly desirable.

RATIONALE: The PROPOSED Spotted Tabby Pattern more accurately describes the Spotted Tabby.

6) To Change or add a color class:

- Copy the color class section within the show rules to be changed.
- List section to be changed as currently written. List the entire section if possible. If the section is long, list sentence before and after desired change or provide the number of the sentence to be changed.
- Indicate added color classes by XXXX.
- Indicate proposed changes by striking out words to be eliminated and underlining words to be added.

Example

PROPOSAL 4: Revise the Ragdoll Color Class Numbers to add color classes for lynx colors.

PROPOSED

Ragdoll Color Class Numbers

Seal Point & White	0482	0483
Blue Point & White	0486	0487
<u>Lynx Point & White</u>	XXXX	XXXX
All Other Pointed & White Colors	0480	0481
<i>(including lilac, chocolate, all lynx colors, red, cream, tortie and all van colors)</i>		
<u>Mitted Lynx Point Colors</u>	XXXX	XXXX
<u>All Other Mitted Point Colors</u>	0460	0461
<i>(all <u>other</u> mitted colors including chocolate, seal, lilac, blue, all lynx colors, red, cream and tortie)</i>		
Colorpoint Lynx Colors	XXXX	XXXX
<u>All Other Colorpoint Colors</u>	XXXX	XXXX
<i>(all <u>other</u> pointed colors including chocolate, seal, lilac, blue, all lynx colors, red, cream and tortie)</i>		
AOV	None	None

Ragdoll allowable outcross breeds: none.

RATIONALE: Seeing that lynx colors have gained considerably in popularity, accounting for about 50% of the cats in the show ring, splitting up the lynx color classes from the other classes will facilitate the breakdown during the judging of large classes

7) To Change a breed’s registration rules:

- Copy the registration rules to be changed.
- List section to be changed as currently written. List the entire section if possible. If the section is long, list sentence before and after desired change or provide the number of the sentence to be changed.
- Add a row below the current listing.

- Indicate existing wording to be eliminated by striking out the words, indicate added words by underlining the words.

Example

PROPOSAL 5: Revise the Ragdoll Rules of Registration to increase the number of generations required for registration.

PROPOSED

PEDIGREE REQUIREMENTS (last date showing is current):

Date: 1993	3 generations
Date: <u>2020</u>	<u>5 generations</u>

RATIONALE: After 26 years of registration in CFA and over 65,000 individual registrations, it is felt that Ragdolls have a strong foundation and interested breeders were given more than ample time to transfer their registrations to CFA.