

# THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### General Information and Instructions

#### PREFACE

In preparing your application for membership, please consider the constitutional criteria for acceptance of new members together with the general guidelines for acceptance set out below. The Board may defer consideration of your application if in its judgment additional information is necessary. Compliance with the technicalities of application will not guarantee any applicant acceptance to membership. The Board will, however, endeavor to give every applicant thorough consideration seeking to encourage maximum growth and at the same time seeking to admit only new members that will be viable clubs.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

##### Eligibility

Any non-profit club of not less than ten (10) members organized for the purpose of holding or managing cat shows and/or any other purposes consistent with those of The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc., may apply for membership.

##### Application

Application for membership shall be mailed to the Central Office of the association and shall include the following:

1. a copy of the club's Constitution and By-laws, which must include requirements for membership;
2. a list of officers with their addresses;
3. a list of names and addresses of all members in good standing at the date of application;
4. a check for the current year's dues in the amount of \$95.00;
5. a check in the amount of \$100.00 to cover the cost of processing the application which is non-refundable whether applicant is accepted or not; and,
6. such other information as the CFA Executive Board may require;
7. all documentation must be in English.

##### Election to Membership

When the application and accompanying papers are received in proper form in the Central Office, it shall then be submitted to the CFA Executive Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting for consideration.

The Executive Board may vote to accept to membership, vote not to accept, or delay consideration pending receipt of additional information. Any applicant not accepted by vote of the Executive Board upon first consideration or any subsequent consideration may appeal the vote to the delegates at the next scheduled annual meeting. The Board shall, from time to time, formulate guidelines for acceptance of new clubs based upon such factors as:

1. number of applicant's charter members;
2. extent of overlapping memberships in the applicant club and other CFA clubs;
3. extent of breeding or exhibiting experience and participation in CFA activities among members;
4. proposed geographical area of operation; and
5. the effect of formulation and acceptance on existing CFA member clubs.

#### GUIDELINES FOR CONSIDERATION BY CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The application form must be completed in duplicate, one copy being sent to the Central Office of this association and one copy being retained by the prospective club for their records. The application **MUST** be received in the Central Office ninety (90) days before the date of the board meeting at which the application will be considered.
2. The members, officers and directors of the proposed club must be sufficiently distinct from the members, officers and directors of existing CFA clubs to establish to the Board's satisfaction that the proposed club represents a new and distinct entity.
3. Prior experience and participation in CFA activities of a sufficient minimal level to insure a general working knowledge among members so the club may begin to participate in CFA activities upon acceptance is desirable.
4. The effect of acceptance to membership must not be detrimental to existing CFA members. The Executive Board will, however, seek to provide opportunity for healthy competition among member clubs. No hard and fast rules can be utilized because of the very different considerations that will prevail in the different areas where CFA has existing member clubs.