

September 2017 – GL REGIONAL MEETING AGENDA

- I. Upcoming Shows:
 - a. Prairie State (Oct 14-15)
 - b. Buckeye Ohio Rollers (Nov 25-26).
 - c. HCM clinics at both (Prairie State is full, but Buckeye will be taking reservations soon).

- II. Attention Clubs: Early November date available in Missouri (typically CFA club hosts a show at the Purina Farms facility). They have reached out to us asking if we have any interest in November or other dates. The prices are attached. Contact info is Kaite Flamm, Phone: [314-982-5211](tel:314-982-5211) or email Kaite.Flamm@purina.nestle.com

- III. Feedback on Regional Awards – please share with the Awards Committee (and/or me). We are planning some changes for next year.

- IV. Treasurer’s Report – see page 2. Thank you to the following clubs who donated the \$1/entry for the 2016-2017 show season: Prairie State, Cats Rule Cat Club, Buckeye Ohio Rollers, Great Lakes Friends of Felines, Showcats Columbus and Wisconsin-Illinois Cat Fanciers. This season only those clubs that donate will be eligible for show of the year. Only 3 remaining unpaid sponsorships!

- V. President, Vice President and Breed Committee Elections this fall.

- VI. “State of the Cat” Study by MARS – more details attached.

- VII. Bengal Fundraiser
We are raising money to sponsor the feline genetics workshop at the largest genomics conference in the world being co-chaired by Brian Davis PhD of Texas A&M and Chris Kaelin PhD of Stanford. Chris is identifying the genes for all kinds of pigmentation & tabby some of work was published in the journal, Science. Brian created the most detailed illustration of the genetic relationships of every feline and how much hybridization has occurred published in the journal,

Genomics. They were co-authors in the Charcoal study and have a lot more studies related to all breeds and kinds of domestic (and non-domestic) cats going now!

The money will also be used to support high quality, accurate depiction of the Bengal Cat at upcoming HUGE public outreach event. You can pre-order & BIG SAVINGS for multiple orders. <https://www.gogophotocontest.com/ticabengalcats>

Facts about Bengal Cats, TICA, feline genetics and more will be sprinkled throughout the calendar.

BUT wait...PRIZES for the entrants donated by our generous sponsors, a Ziggydoo Cat Ferris Wheel, Sleepypod carrier, Feliway Diffusers, Fegnion Raw Food, Purrmaids and Blue Buffalo Coupons!

Check out the website and vote. This is good practice for the upcoming TICA election where a wonderful array of candidates want to represent the Bengal Cat's best interests in TICA.

VIII. SE Annual JE Fundraiser

The Junior Exhibitors in the Southeast region are doing a fundraiser to help bring other Juniors to the 2018 Annual. For \$20 (plus shipping) a personalized 2'x3' banner with your images will be designed. Contact Terri Harris at ticaentryclerk@yahoo.com or 352-423-4712

IX. Hurricane Harvey Fundraiser (Annual catalogs)

\$5/catalog with all proceeds going to Hurricane Harvey Relief
Every catalog purchased gets you into the drawing for a free entry (and half cage) at next year's Annual in Birmingham, AL. Send your money to bigtexcc2017@gmail.com

X. 2020 Annual Proposals (Due Nov 21 for Winter Meeting presentation)

Great Lakes Region
Treasurer's Report
18-Sep-17

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18-Sep-17

Balance as of January 1, 2017 3,806.60

Income

Club's donation

Cats Rule	125
Wis-II	195
Prairie State	121
CFFF	115
Buckeye Rollers	255
Showcats Columbus	138

Total Club Donations 949

plaque donations - 2016 140

regional rebate 1748

plaque donations -2017 4161.21

total income 6998.21

Expenses

web site	210
trophies & rosettes -regional banquet	6712.65

total expenses 6922.65

Balance as of September 18, 2017 3882.16



National Club Fee Structure

	Fri - Sun.	Mon. - Thur.
• Base Rate (per day)		
o The Great Hall (45,000 sq. ft. padded flooring)	\$1,000	\$800
o Gateway Hall (13,500 sq. ft. concrete floor)	\$500	\$400
o Per Entry / Per Run Fees (charged per day)		
• Conformation entries	\$3.00	
• Performance entries / runs	\$1.00	
o Set-Up Day (move in starting at noon or 3p.m. as per contract).....no charge RVs can't arrive until the designated move-in day and time.		
• Staffing (required to have a staff member in the building at all times)		
o Evening Hours - starting at 6p.m.		\$50/hour
• After 10 p.m.		\$200/hour
(charges only apply to non-catered events)		
o Overnight security - 10 p.m. - 6 a.m.		\$250
• Founder's Room (7,000 sq. ft. for banquets & meetings).....	\$150/day plus \$50 extra per each additional significant layout change during the day	
• Show office.....	no charge (with rental of the Great Hall)	
• Large Conference Room.....	\$50/day	
• Club Storage Room	no charge	
• Dog Bathing & Handler Changing Rooms.....	no charge	
• Outdoor Event Areas		
o Diving Dog Pool	Call for rates (rates vary depending on activity) (Titling events, open swim, etc.)	
o Herding Field, Main Show Field or Working Dog Field	\$100/day (practice, training and set up days are free)	
o Go To Ground Dens or Outdoor Agility Field.....	\$50/day (practice, training and set up days are free)	
• RV Parking		
o Full-service Purina Event Center lot with water, sewer and electric (30 & 50 amp).....	\$35/night	
o Overflow RV lot with electric (30 & 50 amp).....	\$20/night	
• Service Center - Open 24/7 and includes dog bathing facilities.....	no charge if any part of the Purina Event Center is rented.	

A Café is conveniently located on first level. Catering provided upon request.

(Note: The per entry/per run/per day fees are in accordance with what is listed in the catalog and are not affected by scratches, etc..The only exception considered is if the Club/Organization issues a refund to an exhibitor). Taxes on rental, fees and supplies will be assessed at 6.475% unless a valid Missouri sales tax exemption form is provided to Purina Farms.

These rates are subject to change at the sole discretion of Purina Farms unless agreed upon in signed rental agreement.

ANNUAL SUMMARY

There is so much excitement to share from Corpus Christi. First, I want to say a huge THANK YOU to all of the GL members who made the trip down to Texas. I believe our region was very well represented & everyone had smiles on their faces all weekend long!

Board Meeting Minutes:

- Ruth Sogz – Permanent suspension of TICA services
- Judging: All candidates advanced - congratulations
- Hoskinson vs Shelton – no action
- Shelton vs Hoskinson – no action
- Schiff vs Bright - set hearing next live meeting for Bright
- Zhang vs Yang - \$500 fine and letter of warning
- Fischer vs Spielberg – falsification of pedigree - \$2000 fine and 1 year suspension of services
- Report on legal issues in Japan
- Report on hearing for Rongly and Ehret/Richters
- IT services report – hardware
- Proposals. Show Rules:

Amend 212.3 and 212.4 (Top 10 AB Alters) - Stadter
PASSED, For Oct 2017 Ballot

Add 22.1.2.3 (Pet Expos) - Alder/Hutcherson
PASSED, For Oct 2017 Ballot

Add 29.1.1.6.1.1 (Signage in show halls) - Jones
TAKE NO ACTION

Bylaws:

Amend 120.2 (Breed Winners) - Stevens
PASSED, For Oct 2017 Ballot.

(I think that the details in Standing Rules will be re-visited in Winter 2018 - TBC)

Amend 114.2 (Breed Committee Qualifications) - Chamberlin
FAILED

Board Governance:

Add Conflict of Interest Policy - Fisher
PASSED

Standing Rules:

Amend 601.2.12 and 601.2.13 (Scoring Kittens) - Maddox
FAILED

Add 109.2.1.6 (Agenda published 30 days before) - Wood
PASSED

Add 1017.1.2 (Rules Amendment Process) - Wood
PASSED

Amend 903.1.7 (Head Table at Annual Banquet) - Gilmore
PASSED

Amend 903.2..1.2 and 903.2.2.1 (Rings at Annuals) - Gilmore
PASSED

Amend 903.1.18 (Sponsorship Costs) - Gilmore
PASSED

Amend 907.4 (Add Therapy Novice Cat title) - Stadter
FAILS - added to follow-up report

Amend 907.4 (Cost of Therapy Cat titles) - Stadter
TAKE NO ACTION

Amend 2014.1.1 (Judges Fees calculations) - Parkinson
PASSED

Breeds:

Advancement to PNB: Aphrodite
ADVANCED TO PNB

- **As there was no official bid for the 2020 Annual, bids for the 2020 annual are now open to any club in any region – due by October 15 for the Winter 2018 meeting.**
- Winter meeting live Jan 19-22 location TBD
- Spring meeting May 18-20 electronic
- Hearings
- Discussion of TICA Board insurance policy
- Presentation of revised Entry Clerking Program by Vanadis Crawford
- Presentation on the 2018 Annual in Birmingham by Kim Tomlin
- Amend Bylaws 120.2:
120.2 The Board of Directors shall establish a system for computing wins and determining the winners of international awards, breed and regional awards.
Passed

- Breed Presentation – Aphrodite breed group – accepted for PNB as of 2 Sept 2017
- Approved Conflict of Interest Policy as written
Discussion of ticketing system

Show Summary:

- Many members were in attendance at the show. I saw many ribbons hanging from cages of our GL members with numerous awards plaques.
- There was a large food donation made from both spectators and exhibitors for the pets in need here in Texas.
- The Big Tex Cat Club worked tirelessly to host an amazing show. It appeared that all who were in attendance had a great time.

Banquet Summary:

- **The Great Lakes very own Jamie Christian was voted Judge of the Year. Congrats to Jamie!**
- Meals for those unable to attend were donated to the relief workers being housed in the show hotel.
- While the music video for the year was great (<https://vimeo.com/182322095>) the lines that the GL folks recorded at the regional were not able to be included. The file was corrupt and unusable. My sincere apologies and promise that next year, now that we know in advance this is being done, we can get it done early and be included.
- Our very own Chris Unangst again out did herself with her beautiful Powerpoint presentation of both the candid shots and the award recipients.
- The IW awards plaques did not make it to Corpus due to the hurricane so the EO will be coordinating their delivery once they have them back in Harlingen. Stay tuned for more details on that. For those that requested I pick-up your rosettes and certificates, I do have them.
- The Great Lakes proudly rang our cow bells throughout the night and showed our pride.
- The entire banquet was recorded and will be available shortly. I will post again once I have that link.

Next Year:

- The Annual will be in Birmingham, Alabama. Beautiful t-shirts were sold today at the show and will be available throughout the year. I hope you can all plan to attend!
- The show committee has selected a judging line-up with a judge from each region represented. Chris Unangst will be our representative judge. I am hopeful our region can come together and make a large sponsorship of her ring and show our GL pride!

Hosting an Annual is an enormous undertaking under the best of circumstances. The Big Tex Cat Club overcame such adversity and pulled together an amazing event in spite of the recent hurricane. If you know any of the club members, please thank them.



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Congratulations! TICA & Mars Veterinary, soon to be Wisdom Health, want you to be part of a groundbreaking collaboration, “State of the Cat”. State of the Cat will be the first comprehensive genetic analysis of domestic cats ever done in the United States. The collaboration between TICA, the world’s largest genetic registry and the innovators at Mars Veterinary/Wisdom Health will result in a published peer reviewed scientific journal, a first for any feline registry.

This unprecedented partnership will be the first to demonstrate the crucial value of purposefully bred cats to better understand and eliminate genetic disease from all cats and potentially humanity, as many genetic conditions that affect cats also exist in people. This affiliation between scientific investigation and the breeding community offers empirical validation for breeds and breeding programs. The multitude of information to be gathered offers insight for academia and industry to continue investigation into feline genetics.

Mars Veterinary/Wisdom Health has provided TICA with 100 Free Optimal Selection Kits, 900 Optimal Selection Kits at a 30% discount and a donation of \$5 for every TICA registered participant to a feline health or research charity to be co-selected by TICA and Mars Veterinary/Wisdom Health.

For you the benefits are:

- Screening your cat for all known genetic diseases and traits. For a complete list please visit http://www.wisdompanel.com/optimal_selection_cat/

That means all of the individual tests you might seek to know are combined in a single array test. PKD, Pk-def, Agouti, Longhair, HCM, Dilute, Blood Type, PRA...all of them!

Every cat in the study will be tested for EVERY KNOWN FELINE DISEASE & TRAIT, for the first time, there will hard data on the incidence of every mutation in the feline population of pedigree and non-pedigree cats.

- o Individual and PRIVATE results for the owner with elaborate information on each of the mutations, what is known about it and genetic counseling from veterinarians and geneticists at your request
 - o Breed Prevalence results listed that are compiled from other members of your cat’s breed that are part of this study and outside of this study to report prevalence of the mutation in the breed but NO ONE will know every know your individual results unless you decide to disclose them.
 - o UNKNOWN GENES, this screening panel will analyze 10,000 SNP (single nucleotide polymorphisms) of your cat’s DNA. The function of all of those SNPs have not been annotated and understood, as new genes are identified, your cat will be screened FOR FREE at your request.
- Special Recognition as TICA Genetic Pioneer in final published study
 - A yet to be determined incentive from TICA

It is known that every disease or trait mutation does not always affect all individuals or populations the same way. Your assistance will help better understand many more of the mechanisms for health and expression across the spectrum of pedigreed cats.

- Once the 100 free kits have been submitted and processed, it will be open for others to submit (at the 30% discounted rate). There will be an announcement when this happens.

FAQ

1. What if I don't live in the US?
 - a. Please check your countries laws related to the shipment of biological items.
 - b. The test kit includes a postage paid envelope, you must place that envelope inside another and pay for additional postage to the destination on the package or it will not be delivered.
2. What if my cat won't cooperate?
 - a. You can practice with a cotton swab in advance, but most cats are tolerant of the process of obtaining a DNA sample.
 - b. You can also take your cat and the kit to your veterinarian to obtain the sample.
3. How long does it take to get the results?
 - a. Because this is a new and very elaborate test, TICA samples will not be run until early November with results available 10 days later.
 - b. After early November all samples will be reported upon within 14 days.
 - c. To see a sample result go to this page: <https://os-cats.genoscooper.com/crm/index.html#os/animals/KI17167/pass/disorders>
4. Can the results be transferred to my breed registry?
 - a. DNA profiling is the primary type of DNA testing offered by breed registries in the US. DNA profiling is for the purpose of permanent identification of a cat (similar to a microchip) and for parentage testing; it does not screen for genetic diseases or genetic diversity. DNA profiling typically uses 9 microsatellite markers (often called STRs) to identify each cat, which are a different type of DNA marker than the one used in the Optimal Selection Feline DNA test. Because different markers are used, in significantly greater numbers, and at different locations than those used in DNA profiling, results are not equivalent or transferrable. While Optimal Selection was not designed for DNA profiling for the purposes of verifying parentage or cat identity, it does identify every cat tested as a unique and recognizable individual.
5. Can I test kittens?
 - a. Yes! Kittens can be tested, as their DNA results do not change with age. However, care must be taken that the dam's or littermates' DNA does not contaminate the sample. The process of nursing seeds the kitten's mouth with DNA from the dam's skin and the cells in the dam's milk, so we do not recommend testing kittens who are still nursing. However, as soon as kittens are weaned, they can be safely tested following the usual guidelines. Optimal Selection feline profiles and accompanying results are designed to be easily shared or transferred to new owners when needed, free of charge, so an entire litter can be listed with Optimal Selection before they leave their birth home.

6. What breeds do you test for?
 - a. All breeds can be tested using an Optimal Selection DNA test and receive results about individual genetic health. However, certain breed statistics will not become available until a minimum number of individuals of that breed have been tested, in order to provide statistically significant population results.
7. Are results shared with registries or other breeders?
 - a. No. Wisdom Health takes client confidentiality seriously and does not share testing information. Identities of submitting owners, as well as individual testing results, are not visible to anyone but the submitting owner, unless the owner chooses to share that information.
8. Can I submit semen from a deceased sire?
 - a. Yes. The Optimal Selection Feline Genetic Breeding Analysis test is typically performed on cheek swab DNA samples. However, semen samples are also an excellent source of DNA if the cat is not available for swabbing. Note that a small additional laboratory processing fee is required for semen samples.

The preferred semen sample is in the form of semen straws. However, pellets, vials or tubes of semen are also acceptable. A minimum of 50 microliters of semen is required for testing, although we recommend sending at least 100 microliters to ensure a sufficient quantity for testing. The volume contained in a semen straw varies, but any fully loaded straw will have more than the minimum 50 microliter volume.

Please contact Customer Service for a step-by-step guide to submit this sample type at customercare@marsveterinary.com or 888-K9 Pet Test (597-3883) and they would be happy to help you.

You can also call Anthony Hutcherson at 301-751-7474 or send him an email at TICAgenticstudy@gmail.com