

Northwest Regional Director

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Northwest Region News—April 2020 (Volume 1, Issue 2—corrected)

COVID-19 — Who could have imagined a few months back that our individual lives, the region, our TICA World, and the entire cat fancy would be instantly and forever changed by the coronavirus named COVID-19? Our current show season is prematurely over. And, we don't know when our cat shows will be able to return. The answer will come from our local governments and / or the TICA Board. However, we WILL prevail. We will pick up where we left off, and ultimately, we will be stronger from our resolve to get through this pandemic.

We are starting to see the slow down of the virus in Washington State because of the harsh directives from our state's Governor for no group or private meetings, social distancing, the temporary shut down of restaurant and bars, and the stay-at-home order, and the wearing of masks when you must venture away from home. For the first time since the coronavirus hit Washington State, we are finally starting to see a slow down of the number of cases and deaths. But we are still not out of the woods yet. The Governor this past week extended these counter-measures through (at least) May 4th.

So, what does this mean? It means that we are in a 'wait-and-see' mode. We must be patient. It means no cat shows until all the states and provinces in our region give a 'green light' for normal operations, and our borders are reopened between Canada and Mexico. In the meantime, the TICA Board is doing everything it can to limit the effects of the pandemic from TICA clubs, members, and exhibitors. What can you do to help? Read on!

JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP  **DEADLINE MAY 1ST**
Go to www.tica.org

- 1) Click "Login" in upper right hand corner of main page.
- 2) Scroll down to TDS Online Login.
- 3) Login in with your TDS Online Login.
- 4) Click on "Account" on left hand column.
- 5) Go to Membership. From the bars across the top click "Renew=R".
- 6) Put in the number of years you want to renew for.
- 7) Hit the 'calculate' button.
- 8) 9) Go through the bars across the top where you can choose to make other changes. Be sure you put the pending order in the cart and make your payment via the two choices: credit card or PayPal.

Make Sure Your Club Renews its Charter by May 1st — April is the month in which to elect your club officers for the new year beginning May 1st. Here's how to renew your club charter. Go to:

- 1) <https://www.tica.org/phocadownload/Club-Charter-Renewal.pdf>
- 2) Follow instructions on the form.
- 3) Don't forget to pay the renewal fee.

Note: Make sure all the officers and any members listed on the renewal form have also paid the membership renewal fees.



Ready to have some fun? Proving nothing can stop TICA members from continuing to share their fabulous felines, fun and friendships, a small group of SC members have spent the last couple of weeks working with

TICA members world-wide to organize a "TICA Virtual Show Season". Representatives from every region were invited to help develop and organize a show in their respective regions. That idea was expanded to a show season with regions or groups of regions hosting shows. The season will run through April and May will culminate in an International virtual cat show on June 13-14.

Thanks to Alex Marinets and Tracy Hisel, the Northwest region is going to have its virtual cat show May 16-17-, 2020. **Any and all domestic / pedigreed cats from any region are eligible to participate. Invite your friends and kitten owners to join in on the fun!** Monies raised will go to assist TICA clubs who have been, or will be, forced to cancel their shows during this trying time, and who has suffered financial loss in doing so.

Entries opened Fri, April 10, 2020 and close Thurs, May 14, 2020
Judging begins May 16th. Best of the Best presented May 17th.
Entry fee: \$10 USD/per cat. Payments via PayPal only! Form at: <https://emailmeform.com/builder/form/mbB9SudX0dU429yn45N>
Entry Clerk: Tracy Hisel: tracy@endelosglede.com
Show Manager: Alex Marinets: aurumcats@gmail.com
Go to Facebook, then "TICA NW Virtual Shows" for more info!

Cat Rescue Organizations Need Your Help too — Due to the current Coronavirus Pandemic, Community Cat Coalition's sources of dry cat food have been depleted which has found their cupboards short of dry cat food from limited sources.

Things that CCC needs now:
1) Dry cat food – MEOW, FRISKIES, and 9-LIVES.
2) Kitten milk replacer (this IS the beginning of the baby season).

Shipments go the following address:
Community Cat Coalition
c/o Kathleen Shaw
606 Possession Lane
Mukilteo, WA 98275

Monetary contributions are always welcome. Checks to be made out to: "Community Cat Coalition" and mailed to address above. PayPal contributions can be sent to: cccofwa@gmail.com . If possible, send PayPal payments as "Friends & Family".

REGION SEEKS VOLUNTEERS—The Regional Director is seeking volunteers to work on a number of tasks and committees. Go to the NW Region's website for more information.

What on earth are you up to all day? — This week's TICA Good News contest is looking for your best photo that answers the burning question you have been wondering all these years, What on earth are they up to all day? TICA members can enter by emailing a high resolution – 300 dpi preferred – photo along with a catchy caption, your name, your cats name, breed, TICA Region, and club name to newsletter@tica.org. **Entries must be received by 11:59 PM ET on Tuesday, April 14, 2020.** The grand prize winner will receive a \$50 Gift Certificate from Chris-TheCat.com good toward any Go Cat Feather Toys, including Cat Lures, Tiger Grass Premium Catnip. Two finalists will each receive a Doc & Phoebe No Bowl Feeding Systems, a \$20 value each. Please encourage members in your region to participate. Not only can they win cool prizes, but it emphasizes the special bond members share through TICA.

1st Responders — In addition to sending me any good news about your club or members to share in the weekly TICA Good News or the NW newsletter, we want to know if any of our region's members are on the front lines fighting COVID-19. Please email the Regional Director: include your name, if you are a member of a TICA club, name of healthcare or first responder facility worked and what you do there, how long you've worked there, and your cat breed(s).



Upcoming Regional Shows — As mentioned earlier on-line, you all probably know that Commencement Cat Fanciers also made the hard decision to cancel their Chehalis June show.

The Maine Event's August 1-2 show is still on the show calendar (for now). The club will decide in July whether we will cancel it or go on with the show depending on the government mandates in force at the time.

The next show on the calendar is the Northwest Regional Awards Show and Banquet scheduled for August 15-16 in Langley, BC. The RD has spoken with CFofBC show management. A final decision may just rest on whether the borders are opened up between the US and Canada in time. So, at this point, this show is also in a holding pattern.

Remember ... Let's all do our part to practice social distancing -- stay a minimum of 6' away from others. When you go out, wear a mask. Disinfect and wash your hands (for 20 seconds or more).



Regional Awards — It's that time of year again ... to sponsor regional awards. We have been able to secure awards (rosettes, trophies, plaques), but it has been a challenge. Many of the award suppliers have shut down during the pandemic and so we are making do with what we can. Probably by the time you receive this

newsletter, you will be able to sponsor your favorite cat(s). Go to: <http://www.ticanw.com/Sponsorships.htm>

Duplicate Awards — If you wish to order a DUPLICATE award (trophy, plaque and/or rosette) for a co-owner, breeder, etc., email me at regional.director@ticanw.com ASAP so the DUPLICATE awards can be ordered.

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| Best Kitten, Cat, Alter, HHPK, HHP Trophy | \$50 US |
| Top 25 Kittens, Cat, Alters, HHPK, HHP Rosettes | \$25 US |
| Lifetime Achievement Plaques | \$75 US |
| Outstanding Sire / Dam Plaques | \$75 US |
| Best of Breed Ch Cat Plaques | \$20 US |

Photos for Powerpoint and Website — Show how proud you are of your cats' accomplishments during the 2019-2020 show

season by sharing your cat's photos at the regional awards banquet and on our region's website. Photos are needed for the following:

- Top 25 Kittens
- Top 25 AB Cats
- Top 25 LH Cats (not in the top 25 AB)
- Top 25 SH Cats (not in the top 25 AB)
- Top 3 in each Breed
- Top 25 Alters
- Top 25 HHP Kittens
- Top 25 HHP Adults
- Lifetime Achievement Winners
- Outstanding Sires
- Outstanding Dams
- Junior Exhibitors
- Pictures of regional shows & members

Please send photos to: photos@ticanw.com in both portrait AND landscape. The higher the resolution the better. Be sure to include: Owner's Name, Breeder's Name, Cat's Name with earned titles, and Award Placement(s).

HINT: The sooner we get all the pictures, we 'may' be able to include their photos in the awards booklet. After all, the awards booklet is our official record of the region's year.

Do you want to join a TICA Club? Several people have been telling your RD they want to join a TICA club, but don't know how to go about joining, or which club would be the best fit for them. Here is a partial list of clubs accepting new members:

Calgary Cat Association

Contact: Teresa McRae at mikasu-birmans@shaw.ca
 Dues: \$20.00 per year (January through December)
 Meetings: Face-to-face and generally on a monthly basis.
 Focus: Holds one TICA cat show per year (April).
 Expectations: Members are expected to contribute to the production of the show.

Commencement Cat Club

Contact: Ellen Crockett at ellen@vicrock.com
 Dues: \$20.00 per year.
 Meetings: Occasional at cat shows.
 Focus: Holds one TICA cat show per year (June).

Evergreen Cat Fanciers

Contact: president@maineevent.org
 Dues: \$20.00 per year (May through April)
 Meetings: On-line, monthly.
 Focus: Holds two TICA cat shows per year (Feb & Oct).
 Expectations: Members are expected to contribute to the production of the show.
 Benefits: Members who work on the show(s) get discounted entry pricing and free groom space.

The Maine Event

Contact: Tracy Hisel at tracy@endelosglede.com
 Dues: \$20.00 per year (May through April)
 Meetings: On-line via emails
 Focus: Holds two TICA cat shows per year (Aug & Nov).
 Expectations: Members are expected to contribute to the production of the show.
 Benefits: Members who work the show(s) get discounted entry pricing and free groom space.

TICA By-Laws and Rules Updated — Recently, TICA's By-Laws and Rules were converted from Word Perfect to M/S Word

and updated to include changes from the past year's Board meetings and from the membership ballot last Fall. You can find them at www.tica.org. Documents updated: By-Laws (Version C 03/27/20); Clerking Program (Version A 03/27/20); Judging Program (Version B 03/27/20); Registration Rules (Version B 03/27/20); Show Rules (Version B 03/27/20); Standing Rules (Version C 03/27/20); and Uniform Color Descriptions (Version B, 03/27/20).

COMMUNICATION—As a reminder, formal day-to-day communication and regional polling will take place via the groups.io on-line list. Approximately 72% of the TICA NW members are not on our group list. Members are encouraged to subscribe to stay up-to-date with all the activities in TICA and the region. To subscribe email: ticanorthwest+subscribe@groups.io. The region also has a Facebook page. You are welcome to participate on this on-line social network, but it is NOT the official region communication channel, which is groups.io.

The “Northwest Region News” will be another communication tool. It will be distributed via ticanorthwest@groups.io, the region’s website, and to individual TICA members who reside in the NW region. It will be published no later than the end of January, April, July, and October. If you have something to include, please provide your submission to the RD by the 15th of each publishing month. If you have any problems accessing any of our various methods of communication, contact your Regional Director.

TREASURER’S REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2020, provided by Karen Fletcher, Treasurer:

BEGINNING UNRESTRICTED CASH 1/1/20 **5,925.59**

INFLOWS (INCOME) OF CASH
 Club collected donations w/show entries 90.25
 Individual contributions-General donations 10.00
TOTAL INFLOWS (INCOME) 100.25

OUTFLOWS (EXPENSES) OF CASH
 Organizational costs 50.00
 PayPal fees 11.05
 Shipping/ mailing 13.03
 Website 149.82
 Yearbook 2019 pages 495.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS (718.90)

Net Quarterly Inflows-Outflows (618.65)
ENDING UNRESTRICTED CASH 3/31/20 5,306.94

BEGINNING DEDICATED FUNDS 1/1/20

2023 Annual sponsorship 500.00
 Duwayne Goodburn fund 1,330.00
 Junior Exhibitor Fund 1,074.27
 Pixiebob award sponsorship 500.00
BEGINNING DEDICATED FUNDS 3,404.27

INFLOWS (INCOME) DEDICATED FUNDS
 Annual Ring Sponsorship-Yvonne Patrick 450.00
OUTFLOWS (EXPENSES) DEDICATED FUNDS
 Junior Exhibitor Supplies (83.00)
 Net Quarterly Inflows-Outflows 367.00

ENDING DEDICATED FUNDS 3/31/20
 2023 Annual sponsorship 500.00
 Duwayne Goodburn fund 1,330.00
 Junior Exhibitor fund 991.27
 Pixiebob award sponsorship 500.00
 Annual Ring Sponsorship-Yvonne Patrick 450.00
ENDING DEDICATED FUNDS 3/31/20 3,771.27

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE 3/31/20 9,078.21

NORTHWEST REGION SHOW CALENDAR 2020

~~Jun 13-14 Commencement Chehalis, WA CANCELLED~~
 Aug 1-2 The Maine Event — Olympia, WA
 Aug 15-16 Cat Fanciers of BC – Langley, BC
(NW Regional Show and Awards Banquet)
 Aug 22-23 Edmonton Cat Fanciers – Edmonton, AB
 Sep 11-13 SeaCats—Issaquah, WA
 Sep 26-27 Heartland Cat Fanciers – Edmonton, AB
 Oct 10-11 Evergreen Cat Fanciers – Ferndale, WA
 Oct 24-25 SeaCats – Seattle, WA
 Nov 14-15 The Maine Event – Olympia, WA
 Dec 11-13 And A Mouse – Chehalis, WA
 More information about these shows can be found at:
<https://www.tica.org/events/show-calendar> AND
www.ticanw.com

UPCOMING REGIONAL MEETINGS—to be determined

UPCOMING TICA BOARD MEETINGS

Apr 25 Special Board Meeting (agenda is up on the TICA website)
 May 15-17 Spring Board Meeting

IMPORTANT DATES / DEADLINES

April 28 Deadline to submit info for June/July issue TICA Trend
May 1 Deadline to renew Individual Memberships
May 1 Deadline for clubs to renew their charters & provide a list of Officers to the RD and TICA Executive Office.
May 7 Deadline to make any requests for changes in points for Regional / International Wins
 May 15-17 TICA Spring Board Meeting, Harlingen, TX
May 16-17 Northwest Virtual Cat Show
 Jun 3 Deadline for proposals to be submitted to the Rules Committee for the Annual 2020 Board meeting
 Jun 28 Deadline to submit info for Aug/Sept issue TICA Trend
 Jul 31 Publish Northwest Region News
 Aug 28 Oct/Nov issue TICA Trend
 Sep 2-4 TICA Annual Board Meeting, Washington, DC
 Oct 23 Deadline for proposals to be submitted to the Rules Committee for the Winter 2021 Board meeting
 Oct 28 Deadline to submit info for Dec/Jan issue TICA Trend
 Oct 31 Publish Northwest Region News
 Dec 28 Deadline to submit info for Feb/Mar issue TICA Trend

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