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# Update on the 2023 TICA Annual, Sep 2-3, 2023, Tacoma,

<u>Washington</u> — SeaCats Cat Club (and the Northwest Region) is finalizing plans for the 2023 TICA Annual to be held September 2-3, 2023 in Tacoma, WA. This is a 14 ring continuous format show allowing up to 500 entries. On September 2, 2023 we will also host the international awards banquet. To make this a huge success, SeaCats, with the Northwest Region's help, is seeking volunteers to help with this huge endeavor.



Annual t-shirts are now available for \$35/ each, as well as numerous sponsorship opportunities.

We are also seeking donations for the NW Region's raffle basket for the Annual. Email lucy\_robinson@att.net .

For more information about this show and how you can help, go to: <u>Home | TICA Annual 2023 (tica2023.com)</u>

<u>Updates on moving from Isolated Status to 'regular' status</u> <u>as of May 1, 2023</u> — there are a number of related rules and procedures that will revert back to pre-COVID status as of May 1, 2023. They are;

Standing Rules related to Show Rules:

202.2.2 For the 2020/2021, 2021/2022, and 2022/2023 show seasons only, all Regional Directors have given advance permission for clubs to sponsor Alternative Format shows. As of May 1, 2023, clubs will need the Regional Director's permission to sponsor alternative format shows if NOT in an isolated area. Only the state of Alaska is considered an 'isolated area' in the Northwest Region.

207.1.1 Requirements for Titles. All points earned are cumulative. After earning the points required for one title, any remaining points apply to the next title. For purposes of scoring for individual cat titles, cats shown in the 2019/2020 show season will have titles recomputed under Standing Rule 207.1.1.2—Isolated Areas and be notified that those titles may be claimed. Those cats, along with additional cats shown in the 2020/2021, 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 show seasons will continue to earn titles computed under Standing Rule 207.1.1.2-Isolated areas through April 30, 2023. At the conclusion of the 2022/2023 show season and prior to reverting to non-isolated scoring, the Executive office will notify owners of any unclaimed titles earned under these rules and allow a reasonable period of time to claim titles.

209.3.4 For the show season 2020/2021, 2021/2022 and 2022/2023, the Board has determined that an 'emergency' situation exists and that clubs holding shows during these three seasons, shall be additionally authorized to contract judges under 'isolated area' terms. *As of May 1, 2023, clubs can no longer contract judges in under 'isolated area' terms for non-isolated areas.* 

901.4.3.2 In order for a cat/kitten to be eligible for a regional award, it must be shown at least once in that region during the show year for which the regional award was won. An exception will be made in the case of kittens and household pet kittens in that a show as an adult will fulfill the requirement that they be shown one time in the region. This rule is suspended for the 2021/2022, 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 show seasons. As of May 1, 2023, a cat/kitten must be shown at least once in that region during the show year for which the regional award was won.

901.4.3.4 <u>Regional Awards.</u> Regional Awards will be presented to the 25 cats, kittens, alters, household pets, household pet kittens and 25 longhair cats and 25 shorthair cats having the highest aggregate points of all cats, kittens, alters, household pets and household pet kittens, as applicable in the region. For the 2021/2022 show season the aggregate points must be at least 500 (300 for International area). Beginning with show season 2022/2023 the aggregate points must be at last 1,000 (600 for International area). All awards earned during the show year will be listed accordingly for every region or recognized area and internationally.

Standing Rules related to Judging Program:

401.1.6.1 The number of Guest Judges allowed to judge shows in isolated areas shall be considered on a case-by-case basis. Exceptions to 410.1.5 and 410.1.6 shall be considered on a caseby-case basis. For the show seasons 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 only, this provision shall also apply for any should held in any Region. As of May 1, 2023, this provision will only apply to shows in isolated areas. (For the Northwest Region, this will only apply to any shows put on in the state of Alaska.

**Do you want a show in your local area?** — Now that we are over the COVID pandemic and shows are starting back up again, have you ever been interested in having a TICA cat show in your local area?

There are many people in our region that would be more than willing to help put together a club in your local area in order for you to host a cat show. And, there are some incentives right now you can take advantage of — TICA does not charge part of the show license fee to new clubs if they put on a show within 1 year of chartering the club; the region has a fund in our bank account that can loan a club money to set up their shows (but yes, it needs to be repaid); and the Regional Director is willing to put you in touch with others in your area to help organize a club.

If you'd like more information about starting up a new club or putting on a cat show in your area, contact the Regional Director!

**ONLINE REGIONAL MEETING:** You've asked for it. Now you've got it. We will have the region's first on-line (Zoom) regional meeting in March available on 2 different dates/times in hopes that you can attend (at least) one of them.

Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00pm (Pacific Standard Time) Zoom Meeting ID: 885 4024 2161; Passcode: 525288

Saturday, March 25th at 9:00am (Pacific Standard Time) Zoom Meeting ID: 867 9669 6293; Passcode: 997267

Standing Rules related to Scoring:



<u>Recap of Winter Board Meeting</u> — The Winter Board meeting was held via Zoom on January 16-18, 2023 via Zoom.

The Board reviewed a report by Jeff Shi, Asia West RD regarding the proposal to legalize TICA to conduct business in China. The majority of the Board did indicate their support of starting up shows again in China. Board members were instructed to provide their questions in written form so they can be addressed prior to making any final decisions about how TICA will be in China.

Employee health benefits were discussed. The COO and Bus Mgr. will review current staff salaries and whether additional employee benefits will be offered to employees. Any changes will be budgeted for the next fiscal year starting July 1.

<u>Financial Report</u> – Vickie Fisher gave an overview of TICA's current financial position. Some highlights ...

We expect a slight profit at the end of the fiscal year (June 30 2023).

Memberships are down slightly (from last year), but expect renewals towards the end of the fiscal year.

Litter registration revenue is way up!

Certified pedigrees are up!

Cost of TFMS maintenance is a little more than expected due to higher numbers of non-members versus members using services.

Board approved some minor budget adjustments.

Board accepted the financial audit report – our accounting has been deemed 'clear'.

#### COO (Chief Operating Officer) Report - Danny Nevarez

Customer Service – TICA is delivering service faster than ever before. We are seeing an 80% increase in new clients. Our backlog has gone from 8,000 to 100 cases. Service orders are being handled within 1 day.

TOES integration project – Phase 1 is complete. Expect to hear an update within the next few months.

Breeder Listings – self-service breeder listings for TICA members should be launched within the next 90 days (or so). More information to follow.

Immediate self-service items are over 50K. Catteries—4,967, litter registrations—39,958, and pedigrees—8,390.

Growth – after 3 banner years TICA is continuing to recognize growth. We've had an increase of 80% in new clients over the last year.

Website development — We now have a new webmaster. Improvements since Sept 2022 include: Judges' pages updated. International winners on front page have been updated. Standings are updated on the website the day they are received from the EO. The upcoming events page has been updated with outdated events removed. Our people and committee pages have been updated. All current breeder listings have been updated with the same information. The 2022 membership ballot page is updated with election results.

Board initiatives – Projects in progress and in the pipeline for work are: TOES integration; Junior Exhibitor program improvements; Club management portal; Regional stats for RD's; Strategic planning.

The discussion of proposed changes to the Burmilla Group Standard has been postponed to the Spring Board meeting.

Isolated status of all shows will cease as of April 30, 2023. Put another way, our 'normal' rules will apply with the new show season beginning May 1, 2023.

The TICA Executive Office will be notifying all people that have titles earned through April 30, 2023 in isolated status. If a person does not apply for those titles earned during the isolated status within the grace period, title requirements will revert to those requirements earned under 'normal' operations.

Proposed changes to rules:

Amend Judging Program 41.5.7 (Meetings) - passed

Amend Judging Program Article Nine (Acceptance of Judges from Other Cat Associations) – passed

Amend Judging Program Article Ten (Guest Judges) – passed as amended

Amend Judging Program Article Eleven (Reinstatement) - passed

Amend Judging Program Article Twelve (Leave of Absence and Resignation) – passed (I voted 'no')

Amend Standing Rule 106.4.1 (Advisory Standing Committees) – passed

Add Standing Rule 106.4.1.6 (Standards Committee) - passed

Amend Standing Rule 1012.2 (Additional Regions) – passed

Add Standing Rule 1024.4 (Voting Rights) – withdrawn – an Ad Hoc Committee will be formed to review TICA's governance structure and policies.

The proposed changes to the JE Program were passed. The JE Committee has been instructed to incorporate a general clause to comply with local laws (i.e., in parts of the world, cats cannot be owned by children), include definitions of: Junior Exhibitor; JE Liaisons, and must obtain signed parental approval for children to participate in a JE judging ring.

Update on 2023 TICA Annual – Tacoma, WA – Andre gave an update. 105 room nights have been reserved so far at the Marriott. The banquet meal order form will be posted on the website by the end of February. Admission tickets are now available online. There will be a cat celebrity at the show (like Lil' Bub who was at the 2017 regional show).

The Legislative Committee is looking for additional members. If interested in working on this committee, please contact Susan Adler Johnson at nycsa@aol.com .

#### The Marketing Report - Roeann Fulkerson

The Club Sponsorship Program is still going strong. There has been almost \$23K funded to clubs for 2023 shows with almost as many international club sponsorships funded as there are North American shows. The program is currently under review and is being updated, which will soon reflect a more simplified application form and updated requirements for funding.

There is also funding for Junior Exhibitor judging at our shows as well. If your club is having JE judging, be sure to note that on your Application form (found on the TICA website https://www.tica.org/ downloads/file/78-2020-tica-sponsorship-form-pdf ).

TICA will be participating in several grooming expos in 2023. TICA must staff each event with 2-3 live cats and humans to interact with the public, allow the groomers to pet the cats, not just show up and be on display. If you are interested in helping to staff one of these grooming events, contact RoeannFulkerson@tica.org.

Feb 16-19, 2023 — Groom Expo West, LA Convention Center, Pasadena, CA

March 10-12, 2023 — Atlanta Pet Fair & Conference, Atlanta, GA

March 16-19, 2023 - Northwest Groom Show, Tacoma, WA

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May 18-21, 2023 — The Teton Groom Expo, Snake River Event Center, Idaho Falls, ID

August 10-13, 2023 — All American Grooming Show, Schaumburg, IL

August 22-25, 2023 — Super Zoo, Las Vegas, NV

September 7-10, 2023 — Groom Expo, The Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, Hershey, PA

<u>TICA will be participating in attending several veterinary confer-</u> <u>ences and pet industry trade shows in 2023</u>. Anyone interested in learning about attending and/or staffing these events, please contact RoeannFulkerson@tica.org

March 22-24, 2023 — Global Pet, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL

July 9-12, 2023 — PAC Veterinary Conference, Long Beach, CA

July 14-18, 2023 — AVMA, Denver, CO

August 16-18, 2023 — Super Zoo, Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV

September 20-21, 2023 - ICAGG, Lisbon, Portugal

September 21-23, 2023 - VHMA, Glendale, AZ

TX Unites, TBA Typically in October, date/time TBA

The "Colorful World of Cats" visitor guide should be updated in late Spring with newest science articles, information, and fun facts about TICA. We will be having a "New Cover Artwork" contest. Keep an eye out for more information and this and updates to when the new Visitor Guide will go to print and be available for distribution.

Look for the new Activity Book to be added to inventory along with the current two coloring books. The new Activity Guide will be a fun, interesting, educational publication to be used in conjunction with the Visitor Guide and current two coloring books.

Keep an eye out for the new TICA video created to give a brief overview of who TICA is and why people want to get involved in the cat fancy. It will be used as promotional material for media, promotions, and education.

<u>Judging</u> Program — Carlos Lopez, Judging Administrator gave a report on the activities of the Judging Committee and Judging Program

Number of TICA judges 2022 - 134 (down 19 from 2021)

Number of TICA judges by international area

North America – 74 Europe – 37 South America – 9 Asia – 14 Active Judges by Status Approved All Breed – 86 Provisional All Breed – 27 Specialty – 17 Trainees – 4

The Spring Board meeting will be Thurs-Sat, May 18-20, 2023 via Zoom.

The Annual Board meeting will be Tuesday-Friday Aug 29-Sep 1 and held at the Marriott Hotel in Tacoma, Washington.





As the war in Ukraine continues, there are still many animals in need. As a result, TICA is joining member Joanna Bell and TICA club Felinology to raise funds to continue the help to pets displaced by the ongoing war in Ukraine.

We know that times are tough, and finances are being stretched. To help with donations, TICA will match the first \$5,000 raised. Giving even the smallest donation, matched by TICA, the ability to create a big difference.

Last year's crowdfunding raised £5500 that was sent to breeders in distress as well as vets and animal charities along the Ukraine border.

Please help by contributing. Donations can be made at the Peace for Ukraine Just Giving page: https://www.justgiving.com/ crowdfunding/joanna-bell-4...

# Are you still having trouble accessing or using TICA's new management system —- TFMS?

If you are, there are several on-line tutorials you can review. So far there are 22 tutorials on U-Tube that can assist you.



Go to https://www.tica.org/online-services . There you can

- watch a video tutorial on the basics of TICA New Feline Management System
- 2) Create a new account or access your existing account
- 3) Become a TICA Member
- 4) Register a Household Pet
- 5) Register a Pedigreed Cat
- 6) Register Your Litter
- 7) Become a Breeder
- 8) Order a Pedigree
- 9) Register Your Cattery

If you are still having problems, contact your Regional Director and she will get in you touch with the correct person at the TICA Executive Office to solve your problem.

<u>Breeder Assistance</u>: Did you know the Region can help breeders with financial problems? This committee assists breeders who reside in the TICA NW Region, and who find themselves needing temporary (or more permanent) assistance.

This Committee helps with advice, food, physical assistance, and placement of cats, but only if requested. Assistance provided through this committee is 100% confidential.

Help and support is provided (if requested) for reasons such as:

Illness, temporary or permanent disability Death, without provision for the animals Temporary loss of home or housing Loss of employment Unforeseen change in personal family situation Temporary financial hardship Number of cats beyond care capacity New legislation in the area which affects the number of cats allowed in a household Acts of nature Need for temporary food, litter and/or vet card (if funding can be secured).

If you find yourself in need of help, contact the Regional Director. You will be put in contact with someone in your local area that can help you!



IW BW SGC Mishikoonz Mystic Lake

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<u>Making a payment to the Region?</u> You now have 3 ways to make a payment to the TICA NW Region. PayPal and Credit Card payments can be processed through the region's website: https://ticanw.com

# PAYPAL

Sign in to PayPal and send money to treasurer@ticanw.com . CREDIT CARD

We accept VISA, Mastercard, American Express and Discovery credit cards via Square, a secure online payment processor. Use the link provided on the region's website.

# ČHECK OR MONEY ORDER

The Northwest Region accepts both checks and money orders. Please make checks and money orders payable to **TICA NW Region**. All payment must be in US dollars. Mail your payment to Karen Fletcher, TICA NW Region Treasurer, PO Box 1143, Coupeville, WA 98239.

## IMPORTANT NOTES:

- When making any payment, be sure to identify what the payment is for and who it is from.
- Sorry, the region cannot accept E-transfer payments from Canada because the Region's bank account is in the United States. Etransfers only work from one Canadian bank account to another.

**Did you remember to pay your entry fees for a show?** Ever have that moment when you weren't sure if you paid your entry fees for a show and can't find your confirmation? If the show uses TOES for entries, there is no need to contact the entry clerk. Just log in to TOES and click on the show in the show calendar. Scroll to the bottom of the show details. You will see the cats you've entered in the show. Below that you will see the space you requested along with the total amount owed, paid and due! Important notes:

- 1) You won't see any information on your cats, space, etc. if you aren't logged in!
- If you only have placeholders the financial data will not show. You need to have at least one cat's information entered for the financial summary to display.

## **REMINDERS:**

- Voting in TICA elections and proposed rule changes In order for you to vote in each Fall's balloting for elections of TICA Officers, Regional Directors, Breed Committees, etc., and to vote on proposed rule changes, you must be a member as of April 1 AND renew your TICA membership during May 1 through June 30 to be eligible to vote in the upcoming Fall ballot. Put another way, if you join TICA on May 1 you are not eligible to vote in the Fall election because you were not a member as of April 1.
- Dr. Elsey sponsorships Don't forget to request corporate sponsorship from Dr. Elsey's for your show(s). The sponsorship form is available at tica.org. When you get to the main page, click on the search bar (upper left hand corner) and type in "Sponsorship Form". There you will find all the infor-

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mation you need to submit a request for sponsorship. Also remember, if you receive a TICA Dr Elsey sponsorship for your show, include the Dr Elsey logo on your website, show flyer, exhibitor catalog, marked catalog, and all promotional materials and submit a report after

the show's completion. Thank you for your support!

- **Change of Address** Remember to notify the TICA Executive Office, TICA Trend Editor AND the Regional Director of changes of address, phone, and/or email.
- Lifetime Achievement Award—If your cat has achieved a combination of 3 IW's/RW's, with at least one IW, your cat is eligible for a Lifetime Achievement Award! This award is NOT automatic. You need to apply for it: <u>https://tica.org/resources/our-forms/file/54-lifetime-achievement-award</u>. If your cat is achieving its third IW/RW win in the current show season, and you want your LA title to be on the awards, your claim form must be submitted to the EO by May 7 of that year. Note: If you apply after May 7, the LA title will not show up on your awards as of the past show season. You can apply for the title at any time even for cats that were shown years ago and the LA will be recognized in any future show season.
- Outstanding Sire/Outstanding Dam Female cats who have given birth to 5 kittens who have achieved the title of GRAND CHAMPION or GRAND CHAMPION ALTER or higher can apply for the title Outstanding Dam. Male cats who have sired 10 kittens who have achieved the title of GRAND CHAMPION or GRAND CHAMPION ALTER or higher can apply for the title Outstanding Sire. Do you have cats that qualify? The titles aren't automatic so you will need to use the appropriate form to claim your cat's titles:

Outstanding Dam: <u>https://tica.org/resources/our-forms/</u> <u>file/56-outstanding-dam</u> Outstanding Sire: <u>https://tica.org/resources/our-forms/</u> <u>file/55-outstanding-sire</u>

 Marked Catalogs — Attention Clubs: Please send the Clerking Administrator, Caroline Fralia, a marked catalog when distributing them to the EO, RD, etc. Her email is: mcfralia62@gmail.com.

It's Always That Time of Year — Don't forget about the rescue and feral cats out there. They especially need your financial support throughout the entire year!



munication and regional polling will take place via the groups.io on-line 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 an unofficial Facebook page: https:// www.facebook.com/ticanw and a Facebook group. 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" is another communication tool. It is 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, 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 the Regional Director.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD OCT 1- DEC 31

2022-(4th Quarter) provided by Karen Fletcher, Treasurer

BEGINNING UNRESTRICTED CASH BALANCE AS OF 01-OCT-2022 INCOME		\$14,296.63
2021-22 Regional Awards Donation from The Evergreen Cat Fanciers	9.34 <u>82.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME EXPENSES		91.34
2021-2022 TICA NW Region Awards Website	56.29 481.11	
PayPal/Bank Fees	0.28	
TOTAL EXPENSES Net Quarterly Income/Expenses		<u>(537.68)</u> (446.34)
ENDING UNRESTRICTED CASH 31-DEC-2022		\$13,850.29
BEGINNING DEDICATED FUNDS 01-OCT-2022		
Dwayne Goodburn fund Junior Exhibitor Fund	1,330.00 977.13	
Pixiebob award sponsorship Breeders Assistance Fund	450.00 1.000.00	
BEGINNING INCOME-DEDICATED FUNDS	1.000.00	3,777.13
INCOME-DEDICATED FUNDS TOTAL INCOME		0.00
EXPENSES-DEDICATED FUNDS TOTAL EXPENSES		0.00
Net Quarterly Income/Expenses		\$0.00
ENDING DEDICATED FUNDS 31-DEC-2022 Dwayne Goodburn Fund	1,330.00	
Junior Exhibitor fund Pixiebob award sponsorship	977.13 450.00	
Breeders Assistance Fund	<u>1,020.00</u>	•
ENDING DEDICATED FUNDS 31-DEC-2022		<u>\$3,777.13</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE 31-DEC-2022	_	\$17,627.42



# The current show season will end on April 30th!

Now is the time to seriously consider going to a few more shows this current show season while we wrap up the 'TICA wide isolated status'. There are two shows scheduled in the Northwest Region. And, I know the clubs would love to have you participate in them. Make your plans to attend!

April 22-23-Calgary, Alberta April 29-30-Elma, Washington

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#### Region's website: www.ticanw.com Region's official group: ticanorthwest@groups.io Region's Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ticanw

## NW REGION SHOW CALENDAR

Apr 29-30, 2023 May 13-14, 2023 Jun 10-11, 2023 Jul 1-2, 2023 Jul 15-16, 2023	Calgary, AB—Calgary Cat Association Elma, WA—And A Mouse Cat Club Sooke, BC—Cat Fanciers of British Columbia Commencement Cat Club — Chehalis, WA Monroe, WA—The Maine Event Portland, OR—It's Reigning Cats	
Aug 12-13, 2023	Langley, BC—Cat Fanciers of BC	
(Regional Awards Show/Banquet)		
Sep 2-3, 2023	TACOMA, WA—SeaCats	
•	(2023 TICA Annual Int'l Awards/Banquet)	
Oct 14-15, 2023	Ferndale, WA—The Evergreen Cat Fanciers	
Nov 25-26, 2023	Ferndale, WA—The Maine Event	
,	Centralia, WA—And A Mouse Cat Club	
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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 announced

#### **BOARD MEETING DATES**

May 18-20, 2023 —Winter Board Meeting (via Zoom)

## **IMPORTANT DATES / DEADLINES:**

Feb 20 Proposals to Rules Committee for Spring Board meeting

- April 30 Publish Northwest Region Newsletter
- May 1 Renew individual memberships
- May 1 Renew club charters
- May 7 Deadline to request changes in points for IW/Reg wins

## TREND DEADLINES

- Dec 28 Deadline to submit info for Feb/Mar issue
- Feb 28 Deadline to submit info for Apr/May issue
- Deadline to submit info for Jun/Jul issue Apr 28
- June 28 Deadline to submit info for Aug/Sep issue
- Aug 28 Deadline to submit info for Oct/Nov issue
- Oct 28 Deadline to submit info for Dec/Jan issue