



Northwest Region News
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Updates from the TICA Executive Office (EO): With the implementation of TFMS about 1 year ago, we are finally back to a manageable level of service requests requiring staff processing. We appreciate your patience. Here's an update:

- 1) 80% of the litter certificates and breeder slips are issued immediately (SBT/SBV). We are beta testing the automated lineage review of non-SBT/SBV litters.
- 2) Extended pedigree research — Average processing time is down to one week turn-around.
- 3) Pedigrees requesting printed and mailed — Average processing time is 1 to 1-1/2 weeks.
- 4) Transfer of ownership — Average 1 day (or less).
- 5) Individual cat registrations — Average 1 day (or less).
- 6) Customer Service Open Cases — we're currently sitting with about 1,000 open cases. These are cases that need assistance by staff. We're down 1 person in the EO and have been dealing with staff out of the office for various reasons.

We continue to see growth in all areas of service ranging from number of registered cats, processing of 3-gen and 5-gen pedigrees, and litter registrations.

Update on TOES purchase: We are making good progress. The acquisition contract has been executed. Payments for the purchase will be spread over a 2-3 year period. When the Board approved this purchase, it was understood this would be a major project to integrate two separate systems. While the systems are being integrated, the user (the clubs and exhibitors) will not see any down-time. We will continue to use the TICA calendar (under the TOES system).

Breeder Listings: We are making significant progress in the functionality for breeder listings. We expect the 'newly updated' process to happen in the next few months.

Automation of Transfer of Ownership: In August, TICA rolled out automation for the Transfer of Ownership process. You will now be able to sign into your TFMS account, click on a cat you own, and add or remove a co-owner, TFMS will notify the co-owner(s) for authorization, once approved via the automated email, all you will then need to do is move the transaction to the Shopping Cart, pay the fee, and it's a completed transaction.

Each owner is notified via automated email of the proposed transfer and can either approve or deny the transaction. This ensures a cat is not transferred without the owner's approval.

The new Self-service transfer of ownership is virtually instantaneous after all owners approve the transfer and when payment is complete. And, even better ... Everything can be done online in TFMS account, no paper forms are needed.

Breeder Assistance: Did you know the Region can help breeders? 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 (only upon request) 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!

TICA Website: Roeann Fulkerson, TICA's Marketing/Business Director, is leading the team working on updating the tica.org website. Assisting her is Laurie Schiff, Southwest Regional Director. We are looking for web contributors who can take ownership of various pages and content on tica.org. If you are interested, contact Roeann.



Your Vote Counts: Within the next couple of weeks you will receive an email from the EO with a link for this year's membership ballot and RD election. Please check your

spam/junk folder on a daily basis in case it doesn't show up in your inbox. **DEADLINE UPDATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2022!**

Concerning our region, you have two people who have declared their candidacy for Regional Director—Elaine Hawksworth-Weitz and Lucy Robinson. Feel free to contact each of them should you wish to discuss issues with them.

There are also a number of issues on the membership ballot. The different issues will be posted on the TICA Northwest groups.io list in the next few days so we can discuss them.

In TICA you have the AUTOMATIC RIGHT TO VOTE if you paid your membership dues in time. And, this makes TICA unique in the whole cat fancy.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE! We typically only get 20-25% of those eligible to vote who actually take the time to do so.

TICA Therapy Cat Program: Volunteering with your cat as a Therapy Team is a rewarding way to make a difference in the lives of hospital patients, nursing home residents and even neighbors who aren't as mobile as they used to be.

As a therapy cat team you will: share the animal you love with others; do more with your cat; and give back to your community.

For more information on TICA's Therapy Cat program go to: www.tica.org/en/awards/therapy-cat-title-program



TICA NW Regional Winners 2021-22



BEST CAT

BEST SH CAT

BEST KITTEN

BEST ALTER

BEST HHP

BEST HHPK



IW BW SGC Mishikoonz Mystic Lake

RW SGC Felinecurly Lobster Bisque

RW Goliada Custard/CF

LA BW SGCA Countrysiderags Mischief Maker

LA SGM Koa Kula Of Mahina

IW Cassian of Somsinai

Congratulations to all the 2021-2022 Northwest Region exhibitors and their award winning cats! For those that couldn't attend the regional awards banquet on July 30, 2022, you missed a great event. I do still have a few awards booklets left. If you didn't get one and would like to have one, contact me ASAP and I will get it to you!

Making a payment to the Region? 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.

CHECK 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 because the Region's bank account is in the United States. E-transfers 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!
- 2) 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 information 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.
- ♦ The 2022/2023 show season will be tabulated under **Isolated Status Rules**, as was done for the past three show seasons!
- ♦ **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: <https://tica.org/resources/our-forms/file/54-lifetime-achievement-award>. 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: <https://tica.org/resources/our-forms/file/56-outstanding-dam>
Outstanding Sire: <https://tica.org/resources/our-forms/file/55-outstanding-sire>
- ♦ **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 That Time of Year — Don't forget about the rescue and feral cats out there. They especially need your financial support through the coming Winter months!

COMMUNICATION—As a reminder, formal day-to-day communication 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>. 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 JUL 1— SEP 30 2022—
REVISED (3rd Quarter)** provided by Karen Fletcher, Treasurer

BEGINNING UNRESTRICTED CASH BALANCE AS OF 01-JUL-2022		\$20,361.16
INCOME		
2021-22 Regional Awards	3,368.56	
TOTAL INCOME		3,368.56
EXPENSES		
2021-2022 TICA NW Region Awards	8,379.86	
Transfer to Breeders Assistance Fund	1,000.00	
PayPal/Bank Fees	53.23	
TOTAL EXPENSES		(9,433.09)
Net Quarterly Income/Expenses		(6,064.53)
ENDING UNRESTRICTED CASH 30-SEP-2022		\$14,296.63

BEGINNING DEDICATED FUNDS 01-JUL-2022		
Dwayne Goodburn fund	1,330.00	
Junior Exhibitor Fund	991.27	
Pixiebob award sponsorship	450.00	
BEGINNING INCOME DEDICATED FUNDS		2,771.27
INCOME-DEDICATED FUNDS		
Breeders Assistance Fund	1,020.00	
TOTAL INCOME		1,020.00
EXPENSES-DEDICATED FUNDS		
Junior Exhibitor Fund	14.14	
TOTAL EXPENSES	(14.14)	
Net Quarterly Income/Expenses		\$3,777.13
ENDING DEDICATED FUNDS 30-SEP-2022		
Dwayne Goodburn Fund	1,330.00	
Junior Exhibitor fund	977.13	
Pixiebob award sponsorship	450.00	
Breeders Assistance Fund	1,020.00	
ENDING DEDICATED FUNDS 30-SEP-2022		\$3,777.13
TOTAL AVAILABLE 30-SEP-2022		\$18,073.76

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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

- Nov 5-6, 2022 The Maine Event — Olympia, WA
- Dec 17-18, 2022** And A Mouse — Chehalis, WA (Tentative)
- Jan 21-22, 2023 It’s Reigning Cats — Portland, OR
- Feb 11-12, 2023 The Evergreen Cat Fanciers — Ferndale, WA
- Mar 4-5, 2023 CanAm Cat Club — Abbotsford, BC
- Apr 15-16, 2023 Calgary Cat Association — Calgary, AB
- Apr 28-30, 2023 SeaCats — Issaquah, WA
- May 13-14, 2023 Cat Fanciers of BC — Sooke, BC
- Jun 10-11, 2023 Commencement Cat Club — Chehalis, WA
- Jul 22-23, 2023 The Maine Event—Olympia, WA
- Aug 12-13, 2023 Cat Fanciers of BC — Langley, BC (Regional Awards Show/Banquet)
- Sep 2-3, 2023 2023 TICA ANNUAL SEACATS — TACOMA, 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 announced

IMPORTANT DATES / DEADLINES:

- Sep 28 Submit any proposed changes to TICA rules to Rules and Genetics Committees for consideration at the Winter 2023 Board meeting.
- Oct 31 Publish 4th Quarter NW Region Newsletter

BOARD MEETING DATES

- Jan 18-20, 2023 Winter Board Meeting (Houston, TX)

TREND DEADLINES

- Dec 28 Deadline to submit info for Feb/Mar issue
- Feb 28 Deadline to submit info for Apr/May issue
- Apr 28 Deadline to submit info for Jun/Jul issue
- 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