



Northwest Region News
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The Holiday Season is Upon Us!



As we celebrate this holiday season, make wonderful memories that will linger in your home, make great friendships that will last a lifetime, and may this season be filled with peace and joy.

This time of year is a special time ... we wrap up all of the good things from our past and carry them over to the new year. It gives us the opportunity to remove from our thoughts those things that are troublesome. Above all else, we can raise our hopes for a better year ahead — to fabulous felines, fun and friendship!

Judge Advancements

The following candidates were accepted/advanced on December 9th by the TICA Judging Committee:

Cho Long Park—LH/SH (Remote) Trainee—South Korea
Jorge Garnica—Provisional Allbreed—Mexico, SC
Virginia Araujo—Provisional Allbreed—Brazil, SA
Susanna Shon—Approved Allbreed—Nevada, USA
Steve Lawson—Ring/School Instructor, Florida, USA
Brenda Russo—Ring/School Instructor, PA, USA

Congratulations to your achieved advancements!

Fall Ballot — Election Results of President, Vice-President and Breed Committees

This past October we voted for the TICA President, Vice-President and Breed Committees that will take office January 1, 2024. Election results are as follows:

President Vicki Jo Harrison
Vice-President Dr. Liz Brown

Ballot Proposals:

Proposal 1—Amend By-Laws Articles 6,7,8,11,19 (Chief Operating Officers and Business Manager/Executive Secretary) — *passed*

Proposal 2—Amend By-Laws 123.1.8 to 123.1.10 (Honorary Judge Titles) — *passed*

Proposal 3—Amend By-Laws Article 14 (Absolute Majority) — *passed*

Proposal 4—Delete Show Rule 29.3.4 (Alternative Format Judges) — *passed*

Breed Committees:

This is a partial listing—of those breed committees that have NW representatives:

Australian Mist	Kay Hanvey
Bengal	Kathy Shaw
	Kelli Faram
British Shorthair	Shelly Mitchell
Devon Rex	Lyssa Paull
	Ellen Crockett
LaPerm	Denise Abraham
Manx/Cymric	Lyssa Paull
Persian/Himalayan/ Exotic Shorthair	Christa Chapman
Pixibob	Kornelia (Konnie) Surmann
Ragdoll	Alexandra Marinets
Savannah	Julie Laney
Siberian	Winona Bowman

2024 Annual — Early Bird Fast Approaching!

The clock is ticking on the early bird for the Tica Annual! On December 15th it will fly away and we go to the next level! If you have placeholders and have not paid, you will have to pay the next level price...please contact me if you have questions!

Go to <https://shows.tica.org/en/component/toes/shows#show2694> to put in your place holder or entry!!!

Also, there is a summary sheet that you will need to fill out...
<https://www.emailmeform.com/bui.../form/fZjXya2mwrYgHf96tcM5>

Here's a little bit about the show ... The venue will be the Hampton Roads Convention Center and the show hotel is the Embassy Suites. The address is 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton VA. The hotel and convention center is located next to each other and there is a covered walkway linking the two buildings. There is no reason to have to drive between the two locations so it is very convenient. There is free parking at both the hotel and convention center. For those flying, Norfolk Airport is the closest airport (ORF). There are direct flights from most large metropolitan airports. International travelers will have to fly into a hub airport and connect.

Silver (Inhibitor) Genetic Testing is now available

The University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine has just announced they have the genetic testing available for the silver (inhibitor) gene.

[Silver \(Inhibitor\) Genetic Testing in Domestic Cat Breeds // College of Veterinary Medicine \(missouri.edu\)](https://www.mizzou.edu/veterinary/collegeschools/college-of-veterinary-medicine/department-of-animal-clinical-science/department-of-animal-clinical-science-research-labs/silver-inhibitor-genetic-testing)

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 also accepts 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**. E-transfers only work from one Canadian bank account to another.

Are you still having trouble accessing or using TICA's fairly 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

- 1) 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.

Breeder Assistance: 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!

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 Fall ballots**. 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.
- ◆ **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>. 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 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!

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 considered 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!

Did you know TICA has a Show Publicity and Media Guide?

Yes, we have one. It is available via the TICA website. At:

<https://www.tica.org/downloads/file/637-tica-show-publicity-and-media-guide>

Each show location may be a little different so you may find it necessary to be imaginative when seeking ways to publicize the show. Press releases should stress the public benefit your club's show offers to the area and may include some or all of the following:

- Promoting responsible pet ownership
- Working to raise the value of ALL cats
- Educating the public about the pedigreed breeds and how each differ in personality
- Providing a venue to work with local animal welfare/shelter/rescue groups to have cats available for adoption at the show
- Your TICA show is helping your local economy because it brings out of town exhibitors who will use local restaurants, buy gas, stay in hotels, and shop at stores. Approach these local businesses to purchase an economically priced ad in your Show Catalog
- First and foremost you MUST believe in what your club/show brings to the community and the value your efforts return to the community in a positive way.
- Donating food drive items, or a percent of show proceeds to an animal welfare group which, in turn, will benefit all cats (explain which groups and why)
- Corporate Messaging:
- Wherever you are, you're in TICA's World.™
- Fabulous felines, fun and friendship.®
- Usage:
- Standalone statements
- Taglines with logos
- Positioning Benefits from Messages:
- Fabulous felines, fun and friendship.®
- Promote that the cat fancy and showing cats is fun!
- You'll build friendships in TICA.
- Wherever you are, you're in TICA's World.™
- TICA has an international presence.
- The cat fancy is worldwide.

This Guide offers advice on handling a publicity campaign for your club's show and gives samples for you to fill-in-the-blank press materials.

Changes to Isolated Status Areas

As a reminder ... as of May 1, 2023, TICA has returned to our standard rules regarding regular and isolated areas. The exception is those areas that were under the isolated status rules pre-covid (as noted in TICA Standing Rules paragraph 1012.3.1). Those areas continue to remain under isolated status. For those

that don't normally follow TICA rules, the Northwest region has the following states/provinces/territories in isolated status areas:

- Alaska, USA
- Northwest Territories, Canada
- Alberta, Canada province
- Saskatchewan, Canada province
- Yukon Territory, Canada

You can see the titles your cats have earned from your TFMS account and then submit and pay. Please keep in mind that you may have to wait for a show to be scored to see the titles. You will also receive emails as your cat achieves titles to remind you to claim them. Title requirements will return to regular scoring for those who have not claimed their titles by June 30, 2023.

Clubs should note changes to the rules related to judges, licensing, and notification of shows and prior approvals to host alternative format shows.

Be prepared! Read details on all the changes in show rules that have occurred since TICA came out of Isolated Status for both exhibitors and clubs.

The Twelve Days of CATmas
BY LUCAS TURNBLOOM



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> 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 Jul 1-Sep 30 2023—
(3rd Quarter 2023) provided by Karen Fletcher, Treasurer

BEGINNING UNRESTRICTED CASH BALANCE		
AS OF 01-JUL-23		\$17,882.93
2023 Region Awards Sponsorships/Banquets	6,044.90	
2023 TICA Regional Rebate	<u>875.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		6,919.90
EXPENSES (OUTFLOWS)		
2023 Region Awards/Banquet	13,077.87	
Website	358.43	
PayPal/Bank Fees	<u>187.25</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		(13,623.55)
Net Quarterly Income/Expenses		<u>(6,703.65)</u>
ENDING UNRESTRICTED CASH 30-SEP-2023		\$11,179.28

BEGINNING DEDICATED FUNDS 01-JUL-2023		
Dwayne Goodburn fund	1,330.00	
Junior Exhibitor Fund	977.13	
Pixiebob award sponsorship	450.00	
Breeders Assistance Fund	1,020.00	
2023 TICA Annual-2 NW Region Judges Rings	<u>550.00</u>	
BEGINNING INCOME-DEDICATED FUNDS		4,327.13
INCOME-DEDICATED FUNDS		
TOTAL INCOME		0.00
EXPENSES-DEDICATED FUNDS		
2023 TICA Annual-2 NW Region Judges Rings	550.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>550.00</u>	
Net Quarterly Income/Expenses		\$3,777.13
ENDING DEDICATED FUNDS 30-SEP-2023		
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 31-MAR-2023		<u>3,777.13</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE 30-SEP-2023		\$14,956.41

NW REGION SHOW CALENDAR

Here is the list of shows that will be in the Northwest region through the end of the show season (April 30) ...

January 20-21	Portland, OR	It’s Reigning Cats
February 10-11	Ferndale, WA	The Evergreen Cat Fanciers
April 20-21	Calgary, AB, CN	Calgary Cat Association
April 26-28	Elma, WA	And A Mouse Cat Club

Into the next show season through the end of the calendar year 2024 (as what I have of right now) ...

May 11-12	Sooke, BC, CN	Cat Fanciers of BC
June 8-9	Elma, WA	And A Mouse Cat Club
July 11-12	???	The Maine Event

July 27-28	Portland, OR	It’s Reigning Cats
August 10-11	Langley, BC, CN	Cat Fanciers of BC
October 12-13	Ferndale, WA	Evergreen Cat Fanciers
November 16-17	Ferndale, WA	The Maine Event
December 14-15	Elma, WA	Commencement Cat Club

More information about these shows can be found at: <https://www.tica.org/events/show-calendar> AND www.ticanw.com .

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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>

UPCOMING REGIONAL MEETINGS—to be announced

BOARD MEETING DATES

Dec 19 Special Board Meeting via Zoom (GL RD appointment)
 Jan 18-20, 2024 — Winter Board Meeting via Zoom

IMPORTANT DATES / DEADLINES:

Jan 20 Deadline to submit standards/breed advancement proposals to Rules Committee for Spring Board Meeting
 Jan 31 Publish 1st Quarter NW Region Newsletter
 Feb 20 Proposals to Rules Committee for Spring Board Meeting
 Feb 28 Deadline to submit for June/July issue of TICA Trend
 April 1 **RENEW TICA MEMBERSHIP IN ORDER TO VOTE IN THE 2024 FALL ELECTION**
 April 30 Publish Northwest Region News
 May 1 Renew individual memberships
 May 1 Renew club charters
 May 7 Deadline to request changes in points for Reg/IW wins

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