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CONGRATULATIONS to all the 2023-2024 Regional Winners!

Many people have been asking When can I sponsor my friend's cat award? We expect to receive the needed spreadsheets of all the 2023-2024 Northwest winners by mid-May to early-June 2024. As soon as we get it, our regional webmaster will put the information up on the regional website.

Here are the sponsorship rates for the 2023-2024 regional awards in U.S. Dollars:

Best Kitten, Cat, Alter, HHK and HHP—\$75.00/ea
2nd through 25th—\$15.00/ea
Junior Exhibitors—\$15.00/ea
Best of Breeds—\$15.00/ea
Lifetime Achievement Award—\$75.00/ea
Outstanding Sire Award—\$75.00/ea
Outstanding Dam Award—\$75.00/ea
Member of the Year—\$25.00/ea
Sportsman of the Year—\$25.00/ea
Humanitarian of the Year—\$25.00/ea
Best Show of the Year—\$15.00/ea
Best Catalog of the Year—\$15.00/ea

There are several payment options: PayPal, Credit Card, and Check/Money Order. See below for how to make a payment to the Northwest Region.

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 new management system — TFMS?

If you are, there are several on-line tutorials you can review. So far there are over 25 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 Man-

- agement 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.

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.
- ◆ **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/>

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? — 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 it puts 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.

How to Renew Your Membership — May 1st-June 30th

Membership dues are due May 1st. Renewing your membership is one of our self-service items. Follow these instructions:

1. Go to TFMS >> Use Avatar (the little 'picture' at the very top of the screen) >> My Membership. This will require you to log in to TFMS. If you don't have an account yet, you can create one for free.
2. Choose "Extend Membership".
3. Fill in the requested information and follow the on-screen instructions.
4. Pay for your membership.



TICA Deadline to Claim Titles is May 7, 2024 for Titles Earned in the 2023-2024 Show year

On May 1, 2023, TICA returned to its 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.

There are many changes, but of note, exhibitors will need to claim their titles by May 7th in order for the new titles to be listed in year-end awards.

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.

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.

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 Oct 1-Dec 31 2023—
(4th Quarter 2023) provided by Karen Fletcher, Treasurer

<u>BEGINNING UNRESTRICTED CASH BALANCE</u>	
<u>AS OF 10/1/23-12/31/23</u>	\$11,179.28
INCOME (INFLOWS)	
TOTAL INCOME	0.00
EXPENSES (OUTFLOWS)	
Website	19.77
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>(19.77)</u>
Net Quarterly Income/Expenses	<u>(19.77)</u>
ENDING UNRESTRICTED CASH Dec 31-2023	\$11,159.51

<u>BEGINNING DEDICATED FUNDS Oct 1-2023</u>	
Dwayne Goodburn fund	1,330.00
Junior Exhibitor Fund	977.13
Pixiebob award sponsorship	450.00
Breeders Assistance Fund	<u>1,020.00</u>
BEGINNING INCOME-DEDICATED FUNDS	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 Dec 31-2023	
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-Dec-2023	<u>3,777.13</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE 31-Dec 2023	\$14,936.64

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 Address for sending any payments for the region
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Regional Scorer: Jan Dell
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Region’s Junior Exhibitor Committee:
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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 THROUGH DEC 31, 2024

May 11-12	Sooke, BC—Cat Fanciers of BC
June 15-16	Elma, WA—And A Mouse Cat Club
July 27-28	Portland, OR—It’s Reigning Cats
	REGIONAL AWARDS SHOW/BANQUET
August 10-11	Langley, BC—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 .

UPCOMING REGIONAL MEETINGS—to be announced

BOARD MEETING DATES

May 17-19,2024 — Spring Board Mtg, Harlingen, TX
 Aug 28-Aug 30, 2024 — Annual Board Meeting, Hampton, VA

IMPORTANT DATES / DEADLINES:

May 1 Renew individual memberships
 May 1 Renew club charters
 June 30 Last day for individuals and clubs to renew their membership/charter without penalties
 July 1 Canada Day
 July 4 US Independence Day

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