Dear SACC members

Annual Report: 2013

Breed Groups

In 2013 there was the least Breed Group activity since the inception of the Breed Groups in 1996. This is cause for concern, as breeders are placing their rights to have a say in their breeds back into the hands of the clubs and judges only; something we all fought so hard to change.

The General ballot this year contained several pages of proposed colour and eye colour changes, and so many breeders were not eligible to vote, as their Breed Group memberships had lapsed or their Breed Groups have ceased to exist. .

The following Breed Groups were active and held Championship shows the auspices of their local clubs:

- ✓ In the Western Cape: The *Siamese Breeders Group of SA,* and the *South African Abyssinian and Somali Group* .
- ✓ In Gauteng: The Rex and Related Breeds Group

These dedicated breeders promote their breeds and provide a service to the broader community through their dedication and hard work. The electronic media and social media have become real time sources of sharing breed and cat related information, but I believe these forums are sometimes more about pictorial promotion and sharing of trials and tribulations, rather than promoting breeds and educating breeders and owners about the care and husbandry of these breeds. Perhaps the delegates could make a commitment to go to their clubs and try to promote breed exhibitions and activities at their shows to try to resuscitate our Breed Groups.

Here follows a summary of the proposals and the outcome of the voting during the SACC Governing Council AGM for 2013. The revised standards will be added to the SACC website shortly.

ODD AND BLUE EYED CATS BORN IN BICOLOUR, HARLEQUIN AND VAN BREEDING PROGRAMMES
The **eye colour descriptions for odd and blue eyed** cats born in **Bicolour, Harlequin and Van** breeding programmes (*all breeds*) were properly set out and formalized. No new rule/ proposal were made.

CARAMEL
The descriptions for all caramel colours were updated and differentiation made between blue based caramel and lilac/ fawn based caramel. Finding the words to describe these unique colours has been a problem for Cat Fanciers all over the world. Differentiating between blue and lilac based caramel is a huge step in the right direction.

BURMESE
No Burmese will be registered in SACC that was imported from Northern America or has cats in its pedigree that were imported from North America up to the eighth generation ***unless such cats are registered in Northern America as European Burmese.***

BURMILLA
Correction:
As for the Tipped and Shaded Silvers: Black, Brown, Blue, Chocolate and Lilac.
Allowable Outcrosses:

1. **Burmese:** Brown, Blue, Chocolate and Lilac
2. **Persian**: Black & Blue Chinchilla and Black & Blue Silver Shaded

Note: The proposal for Chinchillas Longhairs to be used as outcrosses in Burmilla programmes was called out of order as the proposal was on the Ballot in 2012, SACC rules forbid the repetition of the same proposal 2 years in a row.

LA PERM

EARS: Medium ***to large*** in size, slightly flared, wide at base, with rounded tips.

SIAMESE AND ORIENTAL
Add to the following to the end of the Siamese and Oriental Breed Standards.

1. The following colours/ patterns are not recognized as Siamese in SACC, but as Pointed Orientals:
    - Smoke points
    - Silver tabby points
    - Pointed Bicolours

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