

Korat & Thai Cat Association Rules

1. Name:

This Association shall be called "The Korat & Thai Cat Association" hereinafter referred to in these rules as "the Association."

2. Objects shall be:

To promote healthy breeding of Korat Cats (Si-Sawat), Thai Blue Points ~~and~~ Thai Lilacs and Thai Lilac Pointed cats in their ancient and natural forms.

To ensure that all cats registered with the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy (GCCF) as Korats and Thais are, in fact, of true Thai origin.

To make such recommendations as may be necessary to the GCCF, through the medium of the K&TBAC where necessary, in respect of:

- (a) Standard of Points for Korat, Thai Blue Point ~~and~~ Thai Lilac and Thai Lilac Pointed cats.
- (b) Guarantee of classes at shows.
- (c) Selection, training and nominations of specialist judges to make awards at such shows.
- (d) To promote the welfare and kind treatment of all cats.
- (e) To provide members with advice on the breeding and welfare of Korat & Thai cats.

3. Membership:

The Association shall consist of an unlimited number of subscribing and Honorary and Junior members. Honorary members shall have no special privileges and together with Junior members shall not be entitled to vote at meetings. Membership shall be open to any person who agrees to abide by the rules of the Association, subject to the approval of the Committee.

4. Election of Members:

- (a) Applications shall be made to the Honorary Treasurer on the form provided and membership subscriptions and entry fees shall be paid to the Honorary Treasurer at the date of the application.
- (b) Applications shall be supported by the name of a member of the Association as proposer.
- (c) Acceptance for membership shall be from the date that the form is received by the Honorary Treasurer, but may be subject to approval by the Committee at its next meeting. For any application received after 31 October membership will be deemed to run from 1st January the following year.
- (d) Honorary members and Junior members shall not be eligible for election to the committee.

5. Entrance fees and subscriptions:

The Annual Subscription shall be payable on the 1st January each year. Any member failing to renew his/her subscription after reminder shall be deemed to have lapsed their membership.

Any member may resign his/her membership by giving notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary, at the same time returning any of the Association's property he/she may hold.

(Any work done for the benefit of the club at the request of, or approval by the Committee is deemed the property of the club).

Only fully paid up members shall be entitled to vote at all association meetings.

6. Committee and Officers of the Association:

(a) The Association shall have a President and Vice-President(s), who shall have the right to attend all meetings but shall not have the right to vote. It shall be managed by a committee consisting of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Show Support Secretary, together with five elected members.

(b) The President and the Vice-President(s) shall be elected annually at the AGM.

(c) The Chairman must have been a serving member of the Committee for at least two years and shall be elected by the Committee at their first meeting following the AGM and shall hold office for not longer than three consecutive years and shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office until after the lapse of one Association year.

(d) The Vice-Chairman, the Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretaries shall be appointed by the committee at the first meeting after the AGM, and shall hold office at the will and pleasure of the Committee.

(e) The elected Committee members shall be fully paid up members of the Association and shall be elected by ballot at the AGM. Members elected to the Committee shall serve for three years and then retire but be eligible for re-election.

(f) The delegate(s) to the GCCF shall be elected annually by ballot at the AGM from amongst the Committee members.

(g) Written nominations for membership of the Committee must be sponsored by two fully paid up members and shall be received by the Honorary Secretary prior to the AGM. However, if insufficient names have been received to fill the number of Committee vacancies then nominations shall be taken at the appropriate time during the course of the AGM. Vacancies on the Committee may be filled by the Committee by co-option until the following AGM.

(h) The Committee will meet no fewer than twice per year to conduct the business of the Association whenever the Chairman or

Honorary Secretary consider it necessary. Any committee member who fails, without sufficient reason, to attend at least half the meetings called within the Association year, shall be deemed to have resigned and shall not be eligible for immediate re-election. Between meetings it shall be the Honorary Secretary's duty, in consultation with the Chairman, to conduct the business of the Association, assisted by committee discussion using electronic communication, including conference calling.

(i) At Committee meetings four members (at least two of whom should be officers) shall be a quorum.

(j) If a quorum of members is not present at an AGM, a postal and/or electronic ballot of all the voting members who were not present at the AGM should be carried out to ratify any decisions made at the AGM. Provided the total responses, when combined with those of the members present at the AGM, constitute a quorum, the decisions made at the AGM may be considered approved/not approved. The majority required to approve any decision will be that specified in the constitution.

(k) Delegates who fail, without valid reason, to attend at least half of the GCCF meetings during their term of office shall not be eligible for re-election.

(l) If an Officer or Committee member resigns he/she must hand over all the Association property in his/her possession within fourteen days. (Creative and design work on behalf of the club is also 'property'.) See rule 5

7. Powers of the Committee:

(a) The property and finance of the Association shall be vested in the Committee. The Honorary Treasurer shall take charge of the funds and pay from these funds such expenses as are necessary, provided that amounts in excess of £100 are endorsed by the signature of another Association Officer. The Honorary Treasurer shall render a complete account at each year end and whenever required to do so by resolution of the Committee.

(b) The Committee shall review the Annual Subscriptions and bring forward their recommendations for approval at the next AGM.

(c) The Honorary Show Support Secretary will take charge of the Association's Trophies.

(d) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members.

(e) The Committee shall have the power to delegate any of its functions to sub-committees of its members. It shall have the power to suspend or expel any member or officer in the interest of the association, but subject to appeal to the general body of members. All matters shall be decided by a majority of members present at any Committee meeting, the Chairman shall not have a vote, but in the event of voting being equal the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

(f) It is the responsibility of the Committee to consult the membership on any K&TBAC proposed change to the Standard of Points, or breeding and registration policy.

(g) The Committee shall have the power to deal with any matters that are not covered by these rules.

8. General Meetings:

(a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held at a time and place fixed by the Committee but in sufficient time to allow the Honorary Secretary to make such returns to the GCCF as are required. At least fourteen days notice shall be given to every member of the Association. Seven members shall be a quorum. At the AGM a report and independently examined balance sheet for the preceding year, which has been approved by the Committee, shall be presented.

(b) A Special General Meeting may be called at any time upon request, signed by not less than twelve members of the Association, which shall be convened within twenty eight days of such a request, specifying the exact business for which such a meeting is required. This shall be the only business to be considered at such meetings. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted at any meeting.

9. Examination of Accounts:

A suitably qualified independent person shall be appointed and approved at the Annual General Meeting.

10. Alteration of Rules:

Any proposed alteration or addition to these rules must be confirmed and sanctioned by a vote of not less than two thirds of the members present at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for this purpose.

11. Winding up the Association:

Three months notice of any proposal to wind up the Association shall be given in writing to the members and a Special General Meeting be called to consider the question. If the motion to dissolve the Association is confirmed by two thirds of the members present, the Association's liabilities shall be discharged and any balance of the funds be donated to a suitable organisation as designated by the meeting. Trophies shall be returned to their donors wherever possible, and any not so returned shall be distributed to other clubs at the discretion of the Committee

12. The Association and members shall abide by the Articles of Association, Bye-Laws and Rules of GCCF at any time prevailing.

Postal and Electronic Votes will not be held in advance of any meeting, but may be used afterwards to ratify decisions (6j)

Electronic Polls to determine membership interests and preferences may be used on occasions agreed by the Committee.