

RULES

1. TITLE

The club shall be named "THE BURMILLA CAT CLUB" hereinafter referred to as "The Club".

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Club shall be:

- a) to promote the welfare, breeding and showing of the Burmilla breed nationally and internationally.
- b) to establish and promote the welfare, breeding and showing of the Tiffany and Asian Shorthair & Longhair nationally and internationally.
- c) to maintain all the breed's essential characteristics at a very high standard without loss of virility or health.
- d) to discourage indiscriminate use of experimental breeding.
- e) to explain the rudiments of genetics to newcomers to the breed and ensure that breeders follow ethical methods of breeding.
- f) to publish "THE BCC MEWS" and provide opportunities for exchange of information and views at general meetings.
- g) to hold/organize championship and exemption shows and other events.
- h) to implement the show 'open doors' policy.
- i) to maintain a stud list and a register of kittens available.
 - j) to maintain a membership list.
 - k) The club is a non-profit making organisation.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The Club shall consist of:

- a) Founder members.

- b) Ordinary members who must be proposed by a fully paid-up member or a Veterinary Surgeon; applicants may be accepted as members by the Membership Secretary pending ratification by the Committee members.
- c) Honorary members who shall be elected by the Committee if in the opinion of the Committee they have rendered great service to the Club. Honorary members shall enjoy all privileges of membership except those of voting and serving on the Committee.

4. THE COMMITTEE

- a) The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee consisting of three Officers and up to five Ordinary Committee Members..
- b) The Officers shall be the Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer.
- c) The Officers shall be elected by the members in general meetings and one of them shall retire by rotation at each annual meeting but shall be eligible for re-election for further terms.
- d) The Ordinary Members of the Committee shall include a Membership Secretary and a Show Co-ordinator.
- e) The Ordinary Committee Members shall be elected by members in general meetings and one of them shall retire by rotation at each annual meeting but shall be eligible for re-election for further terms.
- f) Any Club member of at least one year's standing may be nominated by any two other Club members to serve on the Committee. Such nomination must be sent to the Secretary at least twenty-eight days before the annual general meeting.
- g) Balloting lists containing the names of the candidates and of their proposers and seconders shall be sent to every Club member entitled to vote.
- h) If two or more candidates obtain an equal number of votes the Committee shall select from such candidates the candidate or candidates who is or are to serve on the Committee.
- i) Any vacancy on the Committee may be filled by co-option by the Committee and any member so chosen shall retire at the following annual general meeting but shall be eligible as a candidate for election on the Committee.
- j) The service of any co-opted member shall not be reckoned in calculating his seniority if elected.
- k) Four members of the Committee shall form a quorum.
- l) Any Officer shall automatically cease to hold office if

- 1- he/she resigns office by sending a written resignation to the Secretary
- 2- he/she has been convicted in Court of any animal cruelty
- 3- he/she is absent from three consecutive Committee meetings without the consent of the Committee.

5. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

- a) The Committee in addition to the powers hereinafter specifically conferred upon its members shall have the control of the finances of the Club, power to engage, control and dismiss the Club servants (if any) and all such administrative powers as may be necessary for properly carrying out the objects of the Club in accordance with these rules.
- b) The Committee shall have the power to appoint knowledgeable persons to serve as members of sub-committees as may be necessary for the effective and efficient operation of the Club.
- c) The Committee shall have the power to elect President any member of no less than three years standing who shall in the opinion of the Committee have been of service to the Club. Such election shall take effect from the date of the following annual general meeting if ratified by a two thirds majority at such meeting or immediately following a postal ballot if ratified by a two thirds majority of the votes cast. The President may be elected for life or for such other period decided at the annual general meeting or for such period as defined in the postal vote and shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Committee but not to vote thereat.
- d) The Committee shall have the power to make byelaws for regulating the conduct and affairs of the Club provided the same are not inconsistent with the rules.
- e) The Committee shall have the power to alter the rules but no such alteration shall take effect until ratified at the annual general meeting or a special general meeting convened for that purpose.

6. THE HON. SECRETARY

The Hon. Secretary shall:

- a) Conduct the correspondence of the Club.
- b) Call meetings of the Club giving the required notice together with copies of the appropriate Agenda, of the minutes of the previous meeting and of the ballot papers if relevant.
- c) Keep full and correct minutes of committee and general meetings.
- d) Ensure that the annual report and statement of accounts are sent to every member for the annual general meeting.

7. THE HON. TREASURER

The Hon. Treasurer shall:

- a) Hold all Club monies in such bank accounts as are authorised by the Committee.
- b) Keep the accounts of the Club.
- c) Make up the annual statement of account and balance sheet of the Club to the thirty-first day of March in each year for presentation to the appointed auditor or reviewer.
- d) Ensure that the auditor or reviewer has certified the annual statement of accounts and balance sheet before they are printed.

8. THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY The Membership Secretary shall:

- a) Maintain a register of names and addresses of all members.
- b) Send to every newly accepted member confirmation of ratification of membership together with copies of these rules, of the Breed Standard and of the latest issue of the BCC MEWS.
- c) Send a reminder for renewal of the annual subscription to every member requesting payment before the thirtieth day of April. Defaulting members shall be given a fifteen days period of grace but shall incur a re-registration fee equal to the registration fee if they fail to renew after such period.

9. MEETINGS

- a) Notice of committee meetings shall be sent to all Committee members not less than fourteen days before the meeting together with the Agenda, the minutes of the previous committee meeting and balloting papers if relevant.
- b) Notice of breeders or special or extraordinary general meetings specifying the business to be transacted and the day, place and hour of meeting shall be sent to every breeder member in the case of breeders meetings or to every member in the case of general meetings by letter at the address recorded in the Club register not less than fourteen days before the meeting.
- c) Notice of the annual general meeting shall be sent to all paid-up members not less than twenty-one days before the meeting together with the Agenda, the minutes of the previous annual general meeting, the annual report, the statement of accounts and any balloting papers necessary.
- d) An extraordinary general meeting shall be called by the Hon. Secretary on receiving a requisition signed by one tenth of the paid-up members of the Club

with voting rights or by a member who has been expelled by the Committee and has lodged an appeal. In such event all expenses for that meeting shall be met by the members or member requesting the meeting.

- e) The annual general meeting of the Club shall be held within fifteen months after the date of the previous annual general meeting to transact the following business:
 - i) if approved, to adopt the statement of the Club's accounts to the end of the preceding year,
 - ii) to consider and, if approved, ratify any alteration of the rules,
 - iii) to elect Officers and Ordinary Members of the Committee,
 - iv) to deal with any special matter set down by the Committee,
 - v) to receive suggestions from members for consideration by the Committee.
- f) Twenty per cent of the total number of members present together with the number of valid balloting papers shall form a quorum at a general meeting with a minimum of five members present.

10. VOTING

- a) Unless otherwise stated in these rules, all resolutions shall be decided by a simple majority vote.
- b) The Chairman presiding at committee and general meetings shall have a casting or additional vote in the event of a tie.
- c) Members may vote in person or by postal ballot but no person shall be counted more than once.
- d) Postal ballots received on or before the date stated for validity shall stand equal to votes at a general meeting.
- e) Postal ballots that are received after the stated date or that are spoilt shall be deemed to be void.

11. DUTIES OF MEMBERS

- a) Every member shall endeavour to be honest and straightforward with fellow members.
- b) Every member shall strive to promote and work for the good of the Burmilla breed and the Club.

- c) Every member shall be bound by and submit to the rules and byelaws of the Club.
- d) Any complaint by any member shall be made in writing to the Hon. Secretary for submission to the Committee. In no instance shall a servant of the Club be reprimanded directly by a member.
- e) Any member desiring to withdraw from the Club must give notice in writing to the Membership Secretary.
- f) Any member offending against the current rules or whose conduct shall in the opinion of the Committee be in opposition to the fundamental principles upon which the Club has been established or other principles which would make it undesirable for his membership to be continued, shall be requested to retire from or be expelled from the Club provided that:
 - i) the Hon. Secretary shall give such member seven days written notice to attend a meeting of the Committee at which he shall have the opportunity to state his case.
 - ii) the resolution requesting the resignation or expulsion of such member shall have been carried by a two thirds majority of the Committee members present.
- g) Any member requested to retire or expelled in accordance with the rules or otherwise ceasing to be a member of the Club shall forfeit all rights or claim upon the Club, its property or funds.

12. MEMBERSHIP FEES

- a) The amount of a one-off joining charge shall be fixed by the Committee and shall become due on acceptance of membership.
- b) The amount of the annual subscription for Founder and Ordinary members shall be fixed by the Committee and shall become due on acceptance of membership and thereafter on the first day of January each year. Those joining on or after the first day of December in any year shall be considered as joining from the first day of the following January.
- c) Members failing to renew their subscription before the thirty-first day of January and who neglect to comply with a written request from the Membership Secretary for payment within fifteen days, shall cease to be members of the Club on the expiration of such period and shall be liable for payment of the registration fee if they wish to re-apply for membership.
- d) Only fully paid-up members shall be entitled to enjoy any of the privileges of membership.

13. AFFILIATION & ASSOCIATION

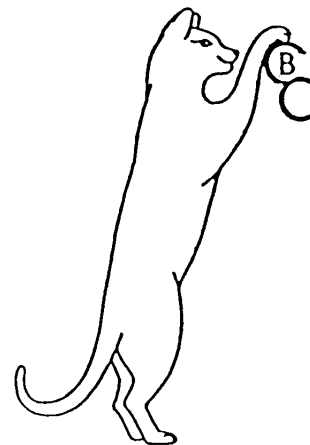
"Affiliated to FAB" and "Associated with Everycat UK" together with the Everycat UK logo shall be printed on Club journals, literature and stationery headings.

14. ALTERATION OF THE RULES

Any alteration to these rules must be confirmed or passed at a general meeting and shall take effect on the first day of the month following the date of the meeting unless agreed otherwise.

15. DISSOLUTION

- a) Twenty-eight days notice of intention to wind up the affairs of the Club at a special meeting called specifically for that purpose must be given to all members.
 - b) Decision to wind up the affairs of the Club must be agreed by a two thirds majority of the members present and voting.
 - c) If such a decision is passed, the liabilities of the Club shall be discharged and the balance remaining shall be divided equally amongst the fully paid-up members.
 - d) Trophies and personal awards shall be returned to the donors where possible within six months of the date of winding up, otherwise they shall be offered for sale or distributed to other clubs at the discretion of the Committee.
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THE BURMILLA CAT CLUB

AFFILIATED to THE FELINE ADVISORY BUREAU

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