

Judging Program changes and advancements from the October 1, 2022 CFA Board Meeting:

Retirements:



The Judging Program Committee is saddened to receive a letter of retirement from Donna Fuller, CFA Allbreed judge 1985-9/18/22. Donna, notably known as a Russian Blue breeder under the cattery name Tsar Blu, winner of numerous CFA National wins in championship,

Kittens and Premiership with her Russians and a Persian. Donna also served CFA on the Board of Directors as its past Treasurer, in addition to her role as a founding member and Treasurer of San Francisco Revelers, Inc.

Dear Fellow Cat Fanciers:

It is with much regret and a broken heart that I must submit my retirement from the CFA Judging program. Over the past year I have been to a number of doctors and had lots of tests (MRI, CTS, X-rays, etc.) to try to find a solution to my back problems. I have recently been told that there is no surgical solution and any of the available treatments would be short-term at best. Given these circumstances, I could not adequately perform my duties as a judge. CFA has been the center of my life for 50+ years and the 37 as a judge has been rewarding beyond words. I have been fortunate to visit people and places around the world that never would have happened without the judging program. The vast majority of my friends are cat people; I will miss seeing everyone at the shows. I will try to keep up with what is happening as best I can through social media.

I am so very grateful for everything CFA has done for me. Thank you to EVERYONE!

Donna Fuller

Notice of Retired CFA Judge, now deceased.



On September 24th, 2022, Edna Field passed away peacefully at the age of 99. Karen Lawrence has graciously written a short bio of her life in CFA. Thanks you Karen.

A major portion of Edna's life revolved around her deep love of cats. An active supporter of the Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA), Edna served on their Board of Directors for several years during the 1960s. She was also named Chair of their International Division during the 1990s, where she assisted in the growth of the cat fancy and CFA worldwide. While Edna worked with several breeds of cats over the years, it was with the Abyssinian breed that she made her mark. Her internationally renowned Chota-Li cattery produced numerous outstanding cats, most notably Grand Champion Chota-Li R.S.T. who, even today, is often described as the best Abyssinian ever bred.

Edna traveled worldwide doing what she loved best judging at cat shows. From when she first started judging in 1962, until her retirement in 2002, Edna was in demand worldwide for her gracious demeanor, excellent handling, and fair judging. Upon her retirement, the CFA Board of Directors elevated her to Judge Emeritus status. In 1993, the Cat Fanciers' Association awarded Edna their highest honor, the CFA Medal of Honor, for her major contributions to the world of cats and service to CFA. She is mourned by friends and cat lovers around the world.

Acceptances:

Chate Ruengruglikit, Longhair 1st Specialty trainee

Pattama Weeranon, Longhair 1st Specialty trainee

Congratulations to both and welcome to the CFA regular judging program!

Lyn Knight, Shorthair 2nd Specialty trainee

Congratulations and well deserved!

Associate program trainee acceptances:

Accept as T3 Associate Judge Trainee – Region 9:

Longhair:

Giulia Maria DiNatale

Marika Lahti

Cristiano Perillo-Marcone

Shorthair:

Tuija Aaltonen

Ulrike Knueppel

Oscar Silva-Sanchez

Accept as T3 Associate Judge Trainee – Hong Kong:

Longhair:

Patrick Au Siu Wai

Grace Cheung

Alex Luk Chun Lap

Pak Hei Leung

Shorthair:

Chrissie Chan

Phebe Low

Sarah Sau Wah Ng

Edmond Tang

Russell Law

Andy Yeung

Accept as T3 Associate Judge Trainee – South Korea:

Shorthair:

Eugene Jeong

Congratulations to all and welcome to the program!

Handling School update:

Huge thanks to Peter Vanwonderghem and Feline Fanciers of Benelux for hosting and managing the second Beta run of the handling school.

The Board approved three more handling sessions to be held this season. We will use these beta runs to refine the process and develop a budget that can be incorporated into the next budget cycle. The first will be in Madrid Spain December 11.

The Board approved changes and additions to the Judging Program Rules

Extensive changes in the Judging Program Rules that encompassed housekeeping changes, additions, and the additions of options to application requirements were approved. The additions included the incorporation of the Associate Program into the Rules. We also expanded the number of ways that applicants can meet many of the requirements for acceptance. The revised approved version of the rules are online now.

There will be a number of townhall meetings around the globe where member of the JPC will give an overview of the changes and take questions and answers.