

KCA – Korat Cat Association

Statute

1. Name:

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

2. Objects shall be:

To promote the absolute purity of breeding Korat Cats (Si-sawat) and variants in their ancient and natural form.

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

To make such recommendations as may be necessary to the G.C.C.F., through the medium of the KBAC where necessary, in respect of:

- (a) Standard of Points for Korat 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 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. Application for Life membership will be considered after three years of ordinary membership

4. Election of Members:

- (a) Applications shall be made to the Honorary Secretary on the form provided and membership subscriptions and entry fees shall be paid to the Honorary Secretary at the date of the application.
- (b) Applications shall be supported by the signature of a member of the Association as proposer, or supported by a Veterinary Surgeon's letter.
- (c) Acceptance for membership shall be subject to the majority vote of the Committee.
- (d) Honorary members and Junior 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 before the 1st May shall be deemed to have lapsed their membership and may be required to pay re-entry fees.

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.

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 Cup and Show Support Secretary, together with nine elected members.
- (b) The President and the Vice-President(s) shall be elected annually at the A.G.M.
- (c) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman must have been serving members of the Committee for at least three years and shall be elected by the Committee at their first meeting following the A.G.M. 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 Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretaries shall be appointed by the committee at the first meeting after the A.G.M. 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 A.G.M. 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 G.C.C.F. shall be elected annually by ballot at the A.G.M. from amongst the Committee members.
- (g) Nominations in writing for membership of the Committee must be sponsored by two fully paid up members and shall be received by the Honorary Secretary not later than two days prior to the A.G.M. 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 Annual General Meeting. Vacancies on the Committee may be filled by the Committee by co-option until the following A.G.M.
- (h) The Committee will meet no fewer than four times 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.
- (I) At Committee meetings seven members shall be a quorum.
- (j) Delegates who fail, without valid reason, to attend at least half of the G.C.C.F.

meetings during their term of office shall not be eligible for re-election.

- (k) If an Officer or Committee member resigns he/she must hand over all the Association property in his/her possession within fourteen days.

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 audit 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 A.G.M.
- (c) The Honorary Cup and Show Support Secretary will take charge of the Association's Trophies.
- (d) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt up to two 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 KBAC 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 G.C.C.F. as are required. At least fourteen days notice shall be given to every member of the Association. Seven members shall be a quorum excluding Committee and Honorary members. At the A.G.M. a report and audited 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. Audit:

Auditors 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 divided equally among all fully paid up members of the Association. 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

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The Association and members shall abide by the Constitution and Rules of the G C C.F. at any time prevailing.

Postal Votes will not be held so far as this Association is concerned.

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