

QUESTIONS FOR NEW DAL CANDIDATES
Responses from Pam Huggins

1. What do you think CFA's core business is?

I believe our core business is clearly stated in the CFA Constitution, Article II, Objectives:

“the welfare of all cats; the promotion and improvement of CFA recognized breeds of cats; the registering, recording or identifying by number or by other means the names and/or pedigrees of only those cats and kittens entitled to be registered as one of the breeds recognized by the Association; the promulgation of rules for the management of cat shows; the licensing of cat shows held under the rules of this organization; and the promotion of the interests of breeders and exhibitors of pedigreed cats.”

2. Do you think that CFA has fulfilled its stated mission to promote pedigree cats? If not, why, and what reasons do you think have contributed to this? How would you rectify this?

I don't believe we would ever really want to be able to say CFA “has fulfilled” its stated mission. If that were so, we would have no reason to continue to seek new initiatives towards fulfilling our mission. I believe CFA has certainly accomplished great strides in the promotion and welfare of all cats, not just pedigreed cats, and that we continuously work towards the goals within our stated mission. Multiple programs and initiatives in place document our steady and continuous progress. Disaster relief, pedigreed rescue, Ambassador and Mentoring programs, Jr. Showmanship, the CFA web site, the International and MSG shows and accompanying media interest and publicity offered by both are just a few examples. Coupled with the incredibly difficult but extremely important task of our legislative committee and the value of the Winn Foundation for research and studies regarding feline health are others.

3. Do you believe in:
- a. A phenotypic registry
 - b. A genotypic registry
 - c. A combination of a and b

I support a genotypic registry.

What can CFA do to increase revenues via our core business?

The Board, Central Office personnel, and many CFA volunteers are continuing to work together to find new programs or partnering opportunities to increase revenues. They need our ideas and support. We have many talented individuals in CFA with

great ideas. Unfortunately, those ideas may get lost depending on their presentation. Many may get lost because they are frequently presented imbedded in the middle of an email to the CFA list with a “why don’t they do thus and so?” More often than not, the email is deleted and the idea never gets read.

CFA registrations are down. One of the main reasons is legislation across the country with extremely restrictive county and state anti-breeder or limit laws which severely impact breeders ability to breed and house their cats and kittens. Many in CFA are hesitant to attend and speak out at legislative meetings or hearings for fear of retaliation. As a result, many breeders have greatly reduced the number of litters produced and do not register their kittens. Unfortunately, legislative issues are growing more profound across the country. We must continue to work against these restrictive laws while we seek other avenues to increase revenue and implement partnering opportunities with programs, which will provide residual income to CFA. CFA branded toys and carriers currently in commercial stores is one example.

4. What do you believe constitutes a “breed”?

The ancestry of the cat determines the breed. A natural breed must have parents and ancestors of the same breed.

However, in the case of an established or hybrid breed, parents and ancestors must be of the breed(s) used to either establish or develop the breed.