

QUESTIONS FOR NEW DAL CANDIDATES

Responses from Sig Hauck

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

The maintenance of CFA's position as the largest registry of Pedigree cats in the world. In order to maintain this position, CFA must address its failing business plan. A failure to place business concerns ahead of all other concerns, at this critical juncture, will accelerate the financial distress that CFA is experiencing and can result in the failure to maintain its core business.

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?

CFA could do a lot more to promote pedigree cats. This effort, like every effort undertaken by CFA for the past few years has suffered – and will continue to suffer – if CFA does not address its failing financial position ASAP.

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

I believe that CFA's process for addressing this extraordinarily important question is flawed.

First, I believe the practice of padding breed council membership with co-owners on breeding cats – members that do not actually house the Dams, are not involved directly (in the same home as the Dams) and do not deliver or help raise the kittens – should not be qualified for membership on breed councils. Breed Councils should include only those that actually breed or have been breeders recently (I would include those that spent years developing the breed for example), not other friends, judges, family members, etc, that are “added” to the litters to get on the Breed Councils to influence the voting. Breed Council votes are skewed for political reasons or to unfairly influence what the true breeders wish for the breed they are promoting and actually producing.

That said, until CFA – and I will work hard to influence change – does not change the requirements for BC membership, I will solicit input on questions concerning breeds and standards only from those that I personally determine are actually breeding or have greatly influenced the breeds in the recent past. And, I will place great weight on their desires. I am a “real” breeder of the Bombay and have served three terms as BC Sec. I know about the failings of allowing Non-breeders to influence BC polls.

Finally, it takes time to compile the input from “real” breeders to make these decisions. I am open, and always will be open to receive such input. I will take no position until I have determined what the “real” breeder's desire. Then, I will state and pursue a position on this question. Presently, I am receiving such input at the rate of 2-3 breeders a week due to the actions of the February Board.

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

CFA must create a sound business plan. This can only be done by Board members with the education and experience to do so. Wanting to do a good job does not qualify someone to be ABLE to do a good job. Hiring outsiders is wasting money, audits are not business plans. I, and a few others running for office are extraordinarily well qualified to take on this task and it could be in place within a few months – if we are elected and YOU demand that the Officers of CFA cooperate with the effort.

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

This question addresses the same issue as your question number 3. My answer is the same. BREEDERS – and only BREEDERS that actually have or are housing, mating, delivering, and raising the “breeds” are qualified to know what they want. ALL of these breeders are responsible to answer that question, as a compilation of input. If your breed council agrees to weight your input to me with those actually breeding forming the core of YOUR answer to this question, I will compare it to that of other BC similar input and formulate a position – than I will state it and try to advance it among all councils and CFA. Breed Councils should have the weight of their breeders – real breeders – influencing this aspect of CFA policy – not just the opinions of individual Board members or “interested” others.

Thank you for soliciting my input. I applaud your project to assess the candidates. Please ask your council to view and comment, if desired, my blog at <http://itsabout.blog.com> As I develop my positions and answers to the issues you raise, I will include postings on the blog.

Respectfully your,

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