

White Paper

Concept – Adding Award Levels – Discussion

Rationale: TICA has changed a lot since its inception, especially in the last 5 years. Most pertinent to this proposal is the fact that "international" in our name has become much more pronounced. I think it takes a different approach to keep people engaged and feeling a part of the organization and our "family." Independents, FiFe and WCF are all much different from TICA and CFA in that they are much more "local" and I think that people can feel closer to those organizations than one based in Harlingen, TX with a whole world of competitors they don't know or see.

While we have Regions within which people can compete with familiar faces, I think we are starting to spread thin the overall top wins. Looking at the U.S., with more and more international wins going to other countries, I think we lose a bit of incentive to try to compete internationally. Same in Europe; with so many wins going to the U.S., I think many people in Europe may feel disenfranchised from the International aspect of TICA - especially since they are used to having more localized competition.

Current Rules

901.4.3.4 Regional Awards. Regional Awards will be presented to the 20 cats, kittens, alters, household pets, household pet kittens and 20 longhair cats and 20 shorthair cats having the highest aggregate points of all cats, kittens, alters, household pets and household pet kittens, as applicable in the region. In order to receive a Regional Award, the owner of the cat, kitten, alter, household pet and household pet kitten must have exhibited the cat, kitten, alter, household pet or household pet kitten, as applicable, in at least one TICA sanctioned cat show in the regions presenting the award during the show year for which the regional award was earned. All awards earned during the show year will be listed accordingly for every region or recognized area and internationally.

901.4.3.4.1 All winners are notified by letter by the appropriate Regional Director.

901.4.3.4.2 The Top 2 Cats in each color of their respective breeds receive a color certificate by mail from the appropriate Regional Director.

901.4.3.4.3 The Top 20 Cats, Kittens, Alters, Household Pets and Household Pet Kittens, in each region are featured in a visual media presentation at the Regional Banquet.

901.4.3.4.4 The Regional Top 20 Longhair Cats and Shorthair Cats, and Breed Award winners, are honored at the Regional Awards Banquet.

901.4.3.4.5 The Top 10 Cats, Kittens, Alters, Household Pets and Household Pet Kittens are featured in the TICA YEARBOOK in black and white free of charge. (Some regions purchase pages in the TICA YEARBOOK to feature the 11th-20th Top Cats, Kittens, Alters, Household Pets and Household Pet Kittens in black and white.)

901.4.3.5 International Awards. International Awards will be presented to the 25 cats, kittens, alters, and household pets, household pet kittens; and 25 longhair cats and 25 shorthair cats having the highest aggregate points of all cats, kittens, alters, household pets, and household pet kittens, as applicable, in the association during the applicable show year. All awards earned during the show year will be listed accordingly for every region or recognized area and internationally.

901.4.3.5.1 The Top 25 Cats, Kittens, Alters, Household Pets and Household Pet Kittens, are featured in a visual media presentation at the Annual Awards Banquet and in the TICA YEARBOOK in color, free of charge.

901.4.3.5.2 The Top 25 longhair and shorthair cats, and the Best Cat in each breed are honored at the Annual Awards Banquet. 901.4.3.5.3 International Best of Breed winners are pictured in the TICA YEARBOOK.

901.4.3.6 The Executive Office is responsible for the International Awards. After Regional Directors lists are furnished, notification letters are mailed to International Award winners.

Proposed additional awards

Continental (multi region) Awards. Any continent, or portion thereof, comprised of three or more regions, may, through the appropriate Regional Directors, apply to the Board of Directors for a combined Region, or Continental Awards program. If granted, the designated awards program will remain in effect for a period of three show seasons, at which time the program will be reviewed and evaluated.

Continental awards will be presented to the 20 cats, kittens, alters, household pets, household pet kittens and 20 longhair cats and 20 shorthair cats having the highest aggregate points of all cats, kittens, alters, household pets and household pet kittens, as applicable, in the combined region. Certificates for the top 3 best of breed cats, kittens, and alters are included.

The Executive Office is responsible for the Continental (multi region) Awards and is responsible for sending notification to Continental Award winners.

The Directors of the multi region area shall decide and organize an appropriate time and venue for presentation of awards.

Country Awards Program. Any Region, comprised of more than one country, may elect to institute a Country Awards Program.

To be eligible for a Country Awards Program, a country must have held at least 5 TICA licensed shows during the show year.

Regional Directors are responsible for the Country Awards and may designate the awards, up to the 20 cats, kittens, alters, household pets, household pet kittens and 20 longhair cats and 20 shorthair cats having the highest aggregate points of all cats, kittens, alters, household pets and household pet kittens, as applicable in the qualified country.