



# THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.®

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## The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. 2016 BREED COUNCIL POLL

### BIRMAN

Re-Elected Breed Council Secretary: Karen Lane – Delray Beach, FL

Total Members: 64

Ballots Received: 39

- PROPOSED: Reinstate** AOV Color Class Codes and revise the Rules for Registration to allow for the registration of AOV Birman colors/patterns.

**Current:**

**REGISTER AS AOV:**

None			
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**Proposed:**

**REGISTER AS AOV:**

<del>None</del> <u>Any color not recognized in the Birman color standard.</u>			
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YES: 19

NO: 20

ABSTAIN: 0

#### REGISTRATION ISSUE (fails)

Votes: 39

> 50% of Voting: 20

- PROPOSED:** If Proposal #1 passes, **PROPOSED** to assign an AOV Color Class number:

**Current:**

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**Birman Color Class Numbers**

Chocolate Point.....0180      0181  
...  
AOV .....None      None

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AOV .....~~None~~-XXXX      ~~None~~-XXXX

**RATIONALE:** Unfortunately our breed continues to decline in registered numbers in a time when CFA is seeing a large increase due to the expansion in the International and Asia areas of our world. One of the responsibilities of the Breed Council is to insure the future of our breed, both in numbers and in health.

By reinstating AOV in our “Color Class Numbers”, thereby, allowing Birman colors we do not recognize to register their Birman cats and exhibit their cats in the AOV class in CFA, we are opening the door to Birman breeders in other countries and associations to come to CFA. We are making no change to our breed standard.

Some of our newer members might not know, “What is an AOV?”

AOV is defined in CFA Show Rule 2.19c: *The AOV (Any Other Variety) CLASS is for any registered cat or registered kitten, the ancestry of which entitles it to Championship or Premiership competition, but which does not (colorwise; coatwise; sexwise; as in the case of naturally tailless or naturally partially tailless breeds, tailwise; or earwise) conform to the accepted show standard.*

These breeders can then have a path to start the acceptance process of getting their cats to championship status if they desire.

The process to championship status is a **separate process** from reinstating AOV in our standard. The process to championship status for any new color will have to be approved by this breed council, after certain CFA requirements have been accomplished.

The AOV class will allow us to see the new colors, obtain greater understanding of the color genetics and at least formulate an opinion about them. AOV registry has the same exact pedigree requirements as any Birman for registry. They will need the same five-generation pedigree to register any color not presently accepted by CFA.

Breeders/owners of AOV-registered cats will be allowed to show their cats as AOV only and not in the championship classes; and they will compete against each other. The AOV cats are not eligible to win rosettes or to accrue points toward any title or award. In order for any

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offspring of an AOV cat to qualify for championship, no AOV cat can appear in the five-generation pedigree.

This is a positive step to **reverse the decline** in our breed numbers. Presently all major registries have accepted colors that CFA does not. This list includes TICA and Fife. This is a step for making it easier to import or bring cats from other associations into our breeding programs. We all know that increasing the gene pool of our cats improves the health and the vitality of our cats.

The definition of insanity is: “Doing things the same way and expecting change”.

**YES: 20**

**NO: 17**

**ABSTAIN: 2**

**STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 37

60% of Voting: 23

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**BIRMAN BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY BALLOT**  
**For the Term May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2019**

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Ballot for the Election of

**BIRMAN**

**Breed Council Secretary**

For the Term May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2019

22 Karen Lee Lane  
Delray Beach, Florida

17 Abstain

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