

# Association of Feline Clubs- AFC



**AFC statute**

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## ABOUT AFC

### Introduction:

The general welfare and health of all cats regardless of their origin should be the most important provisions for all clubs, catteries, breeders and owners of cats in AFC. These rules are general guidelines, and should be adapted and followed taking into account local circumstances and culture allow each country.

AFC is an International Association. The Association of Feline Clubs- AFC consists of a lot of separate registered organizations- clubs, located for that moment in Europe and Asia. AFC is officially registered in Russia. Each member of AFC, whether a single club or more big organization with multiple branches (not more than 3), acts independently in his business, at the same time, observing the rules of the Association and the laws of their country.

### 1- Activities of the association-A

**A.1. Unified register of registration of domestic and pedigreed cats**, regardless of their origin. Verification and clarification of data in breeding documents.

**A. 2. Unified Register of registration of catteries.** Registration of cat catteries, regardless of territorial location.

**A. 3. Standardization of different cat breeds.** The permanent work of the Breeding Board to clarify the existing breed standards, based on modern knowledge of the genetics, anatomy and physiology of cats. Preparation, correction and implementation of activities aimed at the breeding work of breeders in the development of new breeds of cats.

**A.4. Holding cat-shows**, breeding surveys and other zootechnical events. Maintaining a Single Calendar of shows with subsequent publication on the official website of the organization of final reports and photo reports from the events held.

**A. 5. Education**, training and certification of felinologists, students of experts, experts of national and international categories. Conducting seminars, advanced training courses and conferences.

**A.6. Concern for international relations.** Close cooperation with other Felinological Associations. Inviting Judges from other Felinological organizations to hold joint shows, seminars, and conferences. Invitation of breeders of other Felinological organizations to participate with their cats in shows.

### 2- The Board- B

**B. 1. The Board of AFC** consists of the President, the General secretary, two Vice-presidents (of European and Asian part; (if there are at least 6 clubs in each part)).

The President controls the activities of the Association at all events. Ensures compliance with the Statue and Rules; chairs meetings of the AFC Board. Develops international cooperation and cooperation between different Felinological systems.

The Vice-President (of the European and Asian parts) is the Assistant to the President on all issues, including International cooperation. Coordinates any of his actions in advance with the AFC Board.

The General Secretary centralizes the activities of the Association under the leadership of the President. He is responsible for the timely processing of correspondence, and the formation of responses and notifications for the Central Offices of the Countries that are Members of the AFC Board.

**B. 2. The Extended Board** consists of the heads various Commissions: Breeding; Judging; Educational; Show and Disciplinary Commission. General secretary, two Vice-presidents and heads of Commissions re-elected by a majority vote 1 time in 2 years (no later than 1<sup>st</sup> of September). In case of equality of votes, the decisive vote belongs to the President of the Association.

60 days before the election of the Heads of the Colleges, the General Secretary, Vice-Presidents, the Club send their proposals on candidates for these positions. A full list of candidates is provided no later than 30 days before the election.

After counting the votes and selecting the Heads of the Boards, the General Secretary, and the Vice-Presidents, the Expanded AFC Board begins discussing and voting on the received questions and proposals.

All members of the Association will be informed about the decisions taken by sending letters from the official e-mail of the Association.

### 3- Commissions -C

#### C.1. - Standard/Breeding Commission of Association carries out:

- General management, coordination and control of compliance with the rules and standards of cat breeds in clubs
- Works in close cooperation with the **Standard/Breeding Commission** of the Clubs
- Approves the times and form of reports on the breeding work of the clubs
- Registers breeding cats in the Unified Register and checks the correctness of documents on the origin (pedigrees) of these cats ([afc.reiting@mail.ru](mailto:afc.reiting@mail.ru))
- Sends a report on the inspection of registered cats to the clubs at least once a quarter (3 months) ([afc.pedigree@mail.ru](mailto:afc.pedigree@mail.ru))
- Realize control over the management of breeding documentation by clubs (Stud books) at least once a year at the request of the Association ([afc-office@mail.ru](mailto:afc-office@mail.ru))
- Controls the assignment of title titles (Young Champion, Champion, International Champion, Big International Champion) by clubs at least once a quarter ([afc-titul@mail.ru](mailto:afc-titul@mail.ru))
- Assigns numbers in Title Certificates, starting with the European/Asian Champion ([afc-titul@mail.ru](mailto:afc-titul@mail.ru))
- Registers Catteries at least once a month (from the 25th to the 30th day of each month) ([afc.cattery@mail.ru](mailto:afc.cattery@mail.ru))
- Monitors and corrects registered Catteries at the end of each calendar year
- Makes changes and additions to the Breeding Statute of AFC in coordination with the Board

#### C.2. - The Education Board of the Association carries out:

- General management, coordination and control over compliance with the rules and programs for education and advanced training of judges
- Works in close cooperation with the **Education Commission**



- Approves the periods and form of judge's reports on the passing of seminars, improving the level of knowledge of judges, club felinologists
- Monitors invited judges of other felinological organizations, checks the correctness of documents (licenses and exam protocols). ([afc-judging@mail.ru](mailto:afc-judging@mail.ru))
- Sends a work permit as an invited judge to the Exhibition Board ([afc-razreshenie@mail.ru](mailto:afc-razreshenie@mail.ru))
- Monitor the timely licensing of judges. Renewal of existing licenses, issuance of new licenses on the basis of the protocols on the passed exams
- Controls and assigns the qualification and level of Judges
- Develops methodological materials for training, exams, seminars and conferences
- Keeps a clear record of the documents of the Judging Board
- Makes changes and additions to the Training Programs and exams in coordination with the Board

### **C.3. - The Judging Commission of the Association carries out:**

- General management, coordination and control over compliance with the rules and training programs
- Works in close cooperation with the Panel of Experts, the Breeding and Exhibition Boards
- Conducts training for club's felinologists
- Recommends and prepares successful students for the exam to join the program of Felinology Instructors and Expert Students ([afc-judging@mail.ru](mailto:afc-judging@mail.ru))
- Develops methodological materials for training, examinations of Felinologists and Felinology Instructors
- Keeps a clear record of the documents of the course students for various training programs
- Coordinates the issuance of certificates of completion of each of the training stages
- Makes changes and additions to the Curriculum and exams in consultation with the Judging Board

### **C.4. - The Show Commission of the Association carries out:**

- General management, coordination and control over the observance of the show rules
- Works in close cooperation with the Breeding and Judging Boards
- Approves the terms and form for submitting applications for licensing exhibitions and receiving reports after the event
- Issues permits for shows ([afc-razreshenie@mail.ru](mailto:afc-razreshenie@mail.ru)) no later than 30 days before the start of the event
- Sends the permission to be posted on the official website of the Association in the Show Calendar and to the Club-Organizer the show
- Monitor compliance with the Permission and Format of the event
- Monitors and verifies reports from cat-shows, makes necessary corrections ([afc-otchet@mail.ru](mailto:afc-otchet@mail.ru)) no later than 30 days after the end of the event
- Monitors the correctness of the Rating of the Best Cats registered in the system (taking into account Regional Ratings)
- Sends Reports from shows for posting on the official website of the Association in the Show Calendar
- Keeps a clear record of the documents of its Board
- Makes changes and additions to the Show Rules of the AFC, taking into account the wishes of the Clubs and in coordination with the Board

### **C.5. - The Disciplinary Commission of the Association carries out:**

- General management, coordination and control over compliance with the rules of the Association of Feline Clubs-AFC
- Works in close cooperation with all Commissions and the Management Board
- Receives reports of any infringements and resolves conflicts by resorting to the help of the Commissions and the Management Board
- Provides a response to the received message no later than 30 days after receiving the written request
- Sends petitions to the Board for the withdrawal from the Association Catteries, Clubs for violations in which further cooperation is impossible
- Keeps a clear record of the documents of its Board
- Promptly informs the Commissions and the Management Board about received complaints, taken decisions, and the completion of the conflict situation

### **4- Regional and Central Offices-D**

The general management, coordination and control of compliance with the rules of the Association of Feline Clubs and standards of cat breeds in clubs is carried out by the Expanded Board with the coordination of activities with the Board of AFC.

#### **D.1. - Territorial division:**

- The world is divided into continents, countries, regions, cities... This principle is the basis for the territorial division in the AFC.  
(\*A country with a territorial affiliation to 2 continents, for example, Russia, belongs to the European part)
- When joining at least **one club** with territorial affiliation to any of the countries that were not previously part of the AFC, this club receives from the Main Office a template of firm form with the logo and flag of this country. And after that, it has the right to organize the work of the Central Office of this country (\*It is mandatory to provide a map of the territorial (regional) division of the country, for the possibility of organizing a more coordinated and clear work of the Central Office of the country.)
- If there are **6 or more clubs organized in the country**, the territorial location of the Central Office is chosen by a simple majority vote according to the degree of confidence in the head of this office. Elections are held 1 time in 2 years.
- If at least **3 clubs are organized in the Region**, the Main Office of Association has the right to organize the work of the Regional Offices of this country for better coordination of work (\*The Central Office of each of the countries can offer its own scheme of coordination work in the country with subsequent discussion in the Board). The territorial location of the Regional Office is chosen by a simple vote of the majority of votes of this region according to the degree of confidence in the head of this office. Elections are held 1 time in 2 years.
- If there are **3 countries on the continent** with the organization of Central Offices in each of the countries, the position of Vice-President of this continent is introduced for more precise and coordinated work, who is chosen by the heads of the Central Offices of the countries of this continent by a simple majority vote according to the degree of confidence in the person representing his Continent.  
(\*In a controversial situation, the decision remains with the President of the Association)



## **D.2. - Club:**

- All clubs belonging to the Association of Feline Clubs - AFC unconditionally recognize and comply with the rules of the Association, taking into account the local conditions and culture of each country. Each club undertakes to respect and support the goals, objectives and principles of the AFC and to refrain from causing damage by written or oral statements or actions.
- Provides general management, coordination and control over compliance with the rules of tribal breeding.
- Promote cat breeding aimed at improving breeds, and supports breeders and catteries in their desire to ensure the welfare of cats.
- Helps breeders and catteries in the correct organization of breeding programs
- Conducts zootechnical events, such as cat-shows, to form the correct selection of the Best cats and the selection of Breeding pairs.
- Registers breeding cats in the Unified Register and verifies the correctness of documents on the origin (pedigrees) of these cats. Works in close contact with the Breeding Commission of the Association ([afc.reiting@mail.ru](mailto:afc.reiting@mail.ru) ; [afc.pedigree@mail.ru](mailto:afc.pedigree@mail.ru) )
- Performs a clear and competent management of tribal documents. Pedigrees are issued based on the birth of kittens according to two breeding books of each club: the Main (LO) and Experimental (RIEX).
- Submits a report on the issued pedigrees 1 time a month at the Central Office of his country
- Registers the breeder's catteries that are part of the club ( [afc.cattery@mail.ru](mailto:afc.cattery@mail.ru) )
- Assigns the numbers of title certificates (Young Champion, Champion, International Champion, Big International Champion) independently, receives the numbers of higher titles (European/Asian Champion; Big European/Asian Champion; Absolute Champion) in the Central Office of his country. And issues these title Certificates in full.
- Submits a report on issued Certificates to the Main Office AFC 1 time per quarter([afc.titul@mail.ru](mailto:afc.titul@mail.ru) )
- Assigns numbers in Title Certificates, starting with the European/Asian Champion ([afc.titul@mail.ru](mailto:afc.titul@mail.ru))
- Increases the level of knowledge of its breeders, conducts training of club members at courses and breed seminars on request in the Judging Board ([afc-judging@mail.ru](mailto:afc-judging@mail.ru) )
- Works in close cooperation with the Regional / Central Office of its country

## **D.3. – Regional office of the country:**

- Provides general guidance, coordination and control over compliance with the rules of the Association.
- Promotes cat breeding aimed at improving breeds, and supports clubs in their region in their desire to ensure the welfare of cats.
- Helps clubs in the proper organization of breeding programs
- Coordinates the Calendar of cat-shows in its region, submits applications for licensing of shows
- Accepts reports and photo reports at the end of events, checks them and sends the report to the Central Office
- Once a month receives reports from all clubs in their region on the issued pedigrees and provides a summary report to the Central Office
- 1 time per 3 months receives reports from all clubs in its region on the issued title certificates and sends them in separate files to the Central Office
- Provides comprehensive support to clubs in the preparation and holding of cat-shows and seminars.

- Adhering to the principles of openness, not directed against anyone, actively develops ties with other Felinological associations
- Works in close cooperation with the clubs and the Central Office of their country

#### **D .4. – The Central office of the country:**

- Performs general management, coordination and control over compliance with the rules of the Association.
- Promotes cat breeding aimed at improving breeds, and supports clubs and Regional Offices of their country in their desire to ensure the welfare of cats.
- Helps Regional offices in the correct organization of work
- Coordinates the Calendar of cat-shows in its country, submits applications for licensing of major events: shows with annual regional and national awards, conferences, etc.
- Accepts reports and photo reports at the end of events, checks them and sends the report to the Main Office of the Organization
- Processes The Rating of The Best Cats
- Once a month, receives reports from all clubs of his country on the issued pedigrees and provides a summary report to the Main Office of the Association for posting information on the official website ([afc-gologramma@mail.ru](mailto:afc-gologramma@mail.ru) )
- Once a quarter- 3 months, receives reports from all clubs in its country on the title certificates issued and sends them in separate files to the Maim Office of the Association for posting information on the official website ([afc-titul@mail.ru](mailto:afc-titul@mail.ru) )
- Provides comprehensive support to clubs in the preparation and holding of shows, seminars
- Organizes and promotes the competent training of breeders, felinologists, judge's students.
- Organizes and promotes seminars and conferences aimed at improving the skills of judges and club leaders
- Adhering to the principles of openness, not directed against anyone, actively develops the work of Regional Offices and Clubs. Develops ties with other Felinological Organizations
- Works in close cooperation with the Main office of the Association

#### **5- Board of AFC and Extended Board of AFC**

The Board of AFC and Extended Board of AFC provide general guidance, coordination and control over compliance with the rules of the Association of Feline Clubs. The purity of the registration of breeding documents and standards of cat breeds in clubs is carried out by the Expanded Board in coordination with the AFC Board.