



# THE INTERNATIONAL CAT ASSOCIATION

## JUDGES' NEWSLETTER

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### Update from the Special Board Meeting 10 & 11 June 2006

The meeting was called to order and in addition to TICA's Business Manager/Executive Secretary and Data Systems Technician Leslie Bowers, the following Board Members were in attendance: Kay DeVilbiss, President; Nancy Parkinson, Vice President; Jamie Christian, Great Lakes; Tracy McCullough, Great Plains; Donna Gonyea, Interim Director Northeast; Ellen Crockett, Northwest; Lisa Dickie, Mid Atlantic; Pamela Barrett, Mid Pacific; Don Caruthers, South Central; Jo Parris, Southeast and Vickie Fisher, Southwest. Carlos Arrieta, South America; Genevieve Basquine, Southern Europe; and Motoko Oizumi, Japan were not present. Ralph Stadter, Interim Director, Northern Europe arrived at 1PM. Laurie Schiff, Legal Advisor; Frances Young, Legal Advisor; Bobbie Tullo, Judging Administrator and Dorothy Lewis, Rules Chair were also present.

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### BOARD ACTIONS

The full minutes are available on the Executive Office website (<http://www.ticaeo.com>). Here are some of the items that will impact the judges.

The Board of Directors is shifting their meeting schedule from two meetings per year to three meetings per year. Once the new schedule goes into effect, the Board will be meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> full weekend in January (winter meeting), the 3<sup>rd</sup> full weekend in May (spring meeting), and Labor Day weekend (TICA Annual).

The Great Plains region will be dissolved as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. States formerly a part of the Great Plains region have been divided as follows: Colorado to the Southwest Region, Kansas to the South Central Region, Manitoba and Saskatchewan to the Northwest Region and Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota into the Great Lakes Region. Cats in the Great Plains will be scored for the entire season in the region they will be a part of on January 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition, Nunavet, Canada will be moved to the Northwest region, effective May 1, 2007.

South America has been placed into an Associate Directorship, and the Vice President and Mid-Pacific Regional Director will work with them to bring them back to full regional status.

HHP rings judged by Approved Allbreed HHP judges that have properly paid license and annual awards fees before the show will be scored for regional and international awards.

### RELATED CHANGES TO THE JUDGING PROGRAM

Due to the new meeting schedule, the corresponding "Due Dates" in the judging program have been adjusted in the following manner:

	for the Annual Meeting	for the Winter Meeting	for the Spring Meeting
Notice of Intent to the Judging Administrator	April 15th	August 15th	December 15th
Applications, Exams & All Fees	May 15th	October 15th	January 15th
<i>**All Training must be scheduled by this deadline**</i>			
Requirements & Training Completed	June 15th	November 15th	February 15 <sup>th</sup>

*\*\*\*New deadlines will go into effect after the February 2007 meeting.*

## *A Loss for all of TICA*

### *Louise van de Water*

To say that I am not honored to be asked to write about the passing of Louise van de Water for the TICA trend and the judge's newsletter, is an understatement.

I am writing about Louise and her love for the Cat Fancy. Louise loved all aspects of the Cat Fancy but she mostly loved the cats. She so enjoyed judging. She had a grand style with the cats. She appreciated every cat that she judged. You could see her joy in the way she judged and the smile on her face. Although, she sometimes talked aloud to the cats, I believe she had some very private conversations with them too. She took great pleasure in her judging and it meant a lot to her. She also liked the people who exhibited their cats and in particular, she always was happy when someone who worked so hard with their breeding program showed a beautiful example of the breed. She liked to see people rewarded for their hard work and dedication. Louise was extremely dedicated to TICA. She loved all aspects of TICA and considered it her home away from home and all of us her extended family. She enjoyed associating with people and she developed many good relationships over the years.

I will state the obvious and say that Louise was intelligent, sensitive, honest and her biggest asset was her ability to forgive people and not hold grudges.

I remember many times at the regional meetings how she would tell everyone what a special association that TICA was and how it was an extended family. She always encouraged everyone to get along and help one another. Louise always had a special place in her heart for the children of TICA. The Junior Achievement program was just getting off its feet, when Louise became ill and I know if she were here today she would take great pleasure in its success. Louise was a dedicated member of the Northeast Region and she was always so proud of the cats and the people in the Region because she felt that they were some of the best in TICA.

She inspired so many people in so many aspects of their life. She taught people to never give up, always do your best, be involved and help out whenever you can and most of all never forget to give thanks and also remember to laugh and have fun.

Louise also taught us how to die: give it your best, never lose faith, keep doing the things you enjoyed the most right up to the end, and live a full and happy life.

Thank you Louise for all that you have done for the people who have known you, and for your hard work and never ending dedication to the Cat Fancy.

*Donna Sonyea*

### *Annie Trayer*

As you all know Annie Trayer left us June 18th, this year.

Her charismatic personality left a mark on everyone she met. The shows she organized with A.N.C.F.F. (Paris-Austerlitz, Champeret...) still belong to the most beautiful we have known. But we must not forget that Mrs. Trayer was also a well known and respected show-judge. It is this side of her personality I would like to talk about.

In 1973 she became a traditional show-judge for Siamese and Orientals. She immediately attracted the attention of the breeders and exhibitors, who accepted her as a true specialist of these two breeds, and very soon for all the shorthair breeds as well. When TICA arrived in France, she was immediately taken in by this new way of judging. After having passed all the traditional exams for longhairs she became a TICA judge in 1993.

Her judging, whether traditional or TICA, always marked her integrity. A campaigning cat did not have more chances to do a final than a cat that was not campaigning. To her only the quality of a cat mattered. She took real pleasure in handling and judging cats but was very careful in giving her opinion about a cat in order not to discredit it.

After an accident in 1999, she definitely left the rings, the judging and the shows. But I can assure you that until her last moments she was still interested in the cat-world, in it's actors, in the progress of the cats, the breeds and the standards.

We will remember her !  
I will remember her !

*Martine Caillard*

