

Earlier this season, a committee was put in place to look at the Veterans class recognition awards and come up with recommendations to the region. Those recommendations are currently up on the R-2 website and created a minimum of 150 points over the course of the season. Reviewing the current standings for this show season only 2 of 17 cats would qualify for recognition. It seemed that this minimum point requirement was not very attainable given the number of participants and the limited number of clubs offering the class.

BRIAN MOSER, former chair, and I did not wish to reconvene the committee and did think that a simple poll might give us the information needed. Committee members concluded that at this time with the number of veterans classes available and the number of cats participating that a reduction in the minimum points seemed a reasonable thing to do. With Brian and I polling the committee members, there was an agreement to lower the minimum point requirement to 100. This might encourage those participating in the class to enter more shows and recognize more cats in this struggling class. Please understand that this is a regional recognition award not a CFA title. It is expected that this minimum point level would remain stable at 100 points for 2 years to fully assess the status of the veteran class.

I am asking KATHY DURDICK to amend the information on the current website and also notifying TAMMY ROARK and ERIN CUTCHIN of the change so the adjustments can be made at the time of notifying owners of their wins and ordering regional awards.

I'd also like to encourage CLUBS to offer this class as their shows. As I understand it, the silver flats for ring use are available from ANN SEGREST and LINDA OSBURN may supply the needed rosettes if contacted ahead of time.

I think all of us have benefitted from this class as these cats are wonderful representative of their breeds and reinforce the respect and usefulness of the seniors in our midst. Judges have gained the insight of how various breeds develop and mature...clubs have some additional entries...spectators see the value of older cats...exhibitors can show their seniors and have another special time in the show hall with these prized animals. This is truly a WIN-WIN situation for all involved.