

CFA Judges Association

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The C.F.A. Judges Association is eight years old. First thought of and discussed by Gen O'Neill and Stella Harlos in New Orleans in 1960, it became a reality and held its first official meeting on April 7, 1961 in Miami, Florida.

Eleven judges attended that meeting and four of the eleven remain on the panel of C.F.A. judges and continue their J.A. membership. Thirty judges responded to the announcement of formation of

the C.F.A. Judges Association, chose that name by majority vote, and by meeting the July 1, 1961 deadline for membership application and payment of dues, 25 of these judges became Charter Members of the Association. Twelve of the Charter Members remain in active membership status today.

Objects and Goals of the Association were established at the first meeting, a code of ethics was proposed by Mrs. Sample and was adopted by the membership.

Many of the Objects and Goals of the Association have been achieved. The highly professional C.F.A. Judges work hard to earn and retain that title and never rest on their laurels. The challenging questionnaire prepared annually by the Chairman of the C.F.A. Judging Program demands complete familiarity with current show rules and current standards for the various breeds as well as thorough knowledge of the mechanics of judging.





These and other pertinent subjects are studied in the frequent seminars held by the judges, some in closed session, some open to exhibitors as well — all valuable to the participants through shared knowledge and experience.

Through Clerking and Judging schools, Judges participate in the training of Judging Ring assistants as well as offering guidance to the Trainee Judge or aspirant to the judging program.

The banquet, held first in 1966 to note the Fifth Anniversary of the Judges Association, has become a popular feature of the C.F.A. Annual Meetings. Attendance has grown from 45 present at the first banquet in Columbus, Ohio to the 171 persons who attended the 1969 banquet in Miami Beach. For several years the Judges Association



has presented medals to the owners of the Top Twenty All-Star Awards cats. This year, Certificates honoring the breeders of these cats were presented as well, for the first time. These awards are made at the banquet.

Projects for the coming year include the Printed Judges Manual which will cover all aspects of judging, and a Quarterly Newsletter for J. A. members which will have a correspondent in each of the J.A. Regions, providing news of activity in each Region. The Newsletter will serve as a medium for exchange of information, experience and ideas among the membership, as well as for general news of the members of the C.F.A. Judges Association.

Membership through 1968 has been 100% of the judges eligible. Active membership is open to all C.F.A. Approved, Approval Pending, and Apprentice Judges, and Limited Membership is open to all candidates accepted into the C.F.A. Judging Program.



The J.A. takes pride in the talent and knowledge of its members, and appreciates the willingness to share this talent



and knowledge. A great deal has been accomplished in our eight years of existence, six years under the leadership of Mr. Richard Gebhardt the first President of the Association, and many of the established



Members of the J.A. at a Seminar in California



goals have been reached in this time. We feel that each goal reached merely makes way for establishment of another which we also strive to reach in our effort to fulfill our declared purpose — To Promote a close and cooperative spirit with The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. To discuss and recommend solutions to joint problems, as they relate particularly to the C.F.A. Show Rules and Show procedures. To discuss and resolve and make recommendations on policies affecting internal policing of the C.F.A. Judging Program. To develop and train new applicants in the judging program.

