



BY-LAWS

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These By-laws are established by the Board, then approved at the annual general meeting. Their application is under the responsibility of the Committee. Any litigation concerning their interpretation falls within the competence of the Board.

ARTICLE 1 : PROTECTION

Among the goals of the Club is the protection of the breed. Therefore, and in accordance with the provisions of the Egyptian Mau standard of the French Official Studbook ("L.O.O.F."), the members shall not cross any Egyptian Mau to another breed, nor encourage such practice by their action or inaction. Articles 9, 10 and 11 of these By-Laws develop and precise this article.

Any member violating this article can be expelled.

The word « protection » is not limited to Egyptian Maus, nor to cats. Therefore, any mistreatment or act of cruelty towards any animal will entail immediate expulsion.

ARTICLE 2 : OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

All official documents are compiled in French. Due to the international character of the Association, the Constitution, By-Laws and Code of Ethics are translated into English for foreign members. A free translation into English of the reports of the meetings is provided to foreign members. In the event of different interpretations between the two languages, the French complete text is taken.

ARTICLE 3 : ELECTIONS

The candidatures must be sent to the Secretary at least a month prior to the Annual meeting, even if there isn't any call to application.

The candidatures are done by roll. The list of positions and candidates is sent to all members with the convocation.

To be eligible, a roll must be sponsored either by a Founding Member, or by the President or a Vice-President of the former Board, or by at least three members of the Association of the current or of a former Board.



If a roll is led by a candidate to the presidency, the election of this roll involves the election of the candidate as a President.

In the absence of valid candidature, the current Board is prorogated for one year.

Members who cannot physically attend the Annual Meeting can give proxy to a member of their choice. But the total number of proxies given to one single person shall not exceed 20% of the club's total number of members, nor exceed the number of members actually attending the annual Meeting. Otherwise, exceeding proxies shall be shared between attending members.

Ballots can be sent by mail, fax or email, providing that they comply with the above requirements and that the whole name and signature of the voting members are clearly written. As regards email ballots, the whole name shall be sufficient for the ballot to be accepted.

Ballots are sent to members via mail, email or fax, together with the Moral and financial reports, at least 15 days before the Annual Meeting. Ballots are tabulated at the Annual Meeting by the Secretary, assisted by a member who is not candidate to any position and designated by the majority of attending members.

Post stamp or fax and email dates will be taken as evidence of above deadlines.

By the Board's decision, the Annual Meeting can take place via mail and e-mail. Any decisions thus taken are checked by two members of the Board in office and, in case of the renewal of the Board itself, by two members of the new one.

ARTICLE 4 : BOARD MEETINGS

Taking into account that some officers can be very far away, board meeting can be held by telephone, fax, email, Internet, teleconference, under the following conditions:

- Consultation of at least two thirds of its members
- Drafting of a report approved by the president and two Board members

ARTICLE 5 : DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

The Board or a commission designated by the Board and led by the president is in charge of disciplinary measures.



Meetings are held upon written request from the Board or of any of its members, under the same conditions as other Board meetings. A report must be approved by the president.

This commission will make decisions in the event of violation of the By-Laws or of the Code of Ethics. The concerned member shall be asked to provide explanations to the Board.

In the event of disciplinary measures, the member concerned can appeal against the Board's decision within 15 days. To be valid, appeal must be supported by additional information and/or provided arguments not yet developed.

ARTICLE 6 : REGULAR MEMBERS

There are three categories of regular members:

- Fancier : does not own an Egyptian Mau but supports the work of Association by the payment of its dues and its participation in this work
- Owner : Egyptian Mau owner; not approved as breeder by Association
- Breeder : any owner of Mau likely to breed approved by the Association and paying the Breeders rate annual dues .

The clauses of acceptance are listed in the Code of Ethics

Breeders willing to be A.I.M.E.-approved breeders must have a two-year minimum experience in the breeding of Egyptian Mau or another feline breed. Otherwise, they will undergo a one year trial period.

Egyptian Mau owners willing to become A.I.M.E.-approved breeders and to start breeding must have a two years minimum experience in the breeding of another feline breed. Otherwise, they will undergo a one year trial period.

The Egyptian Mau owners willing to breed occasionally (only one litter per annum maximum) will have to ask for opinion and advice from the Committee.

The following cannot apply as titular members :

- People practising breeding as a professional activity
- People practising intensive breeding
- Breeders practising multi-racial breeding (more than 2 races, with unneutered breeding cats and regularly having litters) in conditions insufficiently checked



ARTICLE 7 : CATEGORIES OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

There are two types of Associate Members

- As a legal entity : any declared association or legal entity in agreement with our association's purposes
- Individually : any physical person in agreement with our association's purposes and wishing to benefit from services to the association but who can't or doesn't want to be a titular member of the association.

Egyptian Mau owners willing to become A.I.M.E.-approved breeders and to start breeding must have a two years minimum experience in the breeding of another feline breed. Otherwise, they will undergo a one year trial period.

Associate members cannot take advantage of the title of "member" or "titular member" of the association but only that of "associate member"

Non compliance with the association purposes, especially cruelty to animals or practice of the hybridization using the Egyptian Mau, are not compatible with membership as "associate member".

ARTICLE 7 : MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

As per article 6 of the Constitution, membership applications are submitted to the Committee.

The Board meeting of June 07, 2005 voted the following :

- A.I.M.E. shall not accept any « professional" breeder, earning his/her living from selling live animals
- A.I.M.E. shall not accept breeders owning more than two breeds with whole breeding cats and regular litters
- A.I.M.E. shall not keep members who switch to intensive breeding or start breeding a third breed

Membership applications of fanciers and owners are considered as accepted if they were not formally refused within one month.

Any membership application of a breeder is submitted to approval of the Board of Directors to which will be associated, in an advisory capacity, the Honorary Président(s) and Vice-Président(s).



Moreover, any membership application as A.I.M.E.-approved breeder is subordinated to the signature of the Code of Ethics and to the respect of the laws and regulations regarding breeding in force in the concerned country.

The individual membership applications as "associate member" are considered accepted as long as they were not the object of a formal refusal within a two months notice.

Any membership application as a legal entity is subjected to the formal approval of the Board of Directors.

The amount of the dues is fixed by the Board of Directors and is voted at the time of the Annual Meeting.

Membership is valid for the current calendar year, that is to say from January 1 till December 31. However, for new members, the dues collected during the last quarter of the calendar year cover the calendar year to come.

Pay the breeder contribution :

- any owner of two females kept for breeding
- any person who had at least one litter the previous year
- any person who granted a covering the previous year

If this breeder status is acquired during the current year, the differential of contribution must be settled

Payment of the breeder contribution does not foresee of the breeder status according to the LOOF or whatever rules current in one's country.

Payment of the breeder contribution doesn't automatically entail approval by the association. Approved breeder status is subject to code of ethics signature and to decision from the Board of Directors.

In order to renew, dues for the next year must be paid before the expiry of the first quarter of the calendar year, that is to say before April 1.

In the event of repeated problems during the past year(s), the Committee can decide, after consultation of the Board, not to accept renewal. This decision has to be motivated and justified.



An association can be the object of a crossed membership in equal amount of contribution.

ARTICLE 9 : BREEDING PROGRAM

The association runs a database listing all the Egyptian Maus it has ever known about. This database's main purposes are to help us improve our knowledge of the race and give whatever support necessary to the setting up of breeding programs. It contributes to the follow-up of the cats born within the association as well as of their lineage. In particular, it allows us to fight against consanguinity, genetic diseases and the use of hybrids.

The information contained in this database can be used by the association members who make the request in order to help them with their breeding.

In return, the association members provide it with any information likely to improve the database.

It's especially useful to let the association know about any breeding project, as well as any breeding or health problem.

A computed database is constantly updated in order to optimize our breeding program. Besides, we have noted the proliferation of hybrids. Articles 9, 10 and 11 take the above into account. Our goals are :

- To protect the breed and our lines
- not to mate two Maus resulting from lines known as having in their backgrounds other breeds and likely to give birth to Maus not complying with the standards
- to counter any attempt to use of Egyptian Mau for hybridization purposes
- to ensure a good quality breeding program, and in particular limit inbreeding
- to contribute to the follow-up of the cats born within the Association

ARTICLE 10 : BREEDING

~~Any project of mating is submitted to the Committee for advice. In the event of effective mating, the owner of the female will inform the President and will communicate to him all information related to it.~~

Any male or female owner willing to breed, even occasionally, must is invited to ask advice from the Committee and conform to the same obligations practice as A.I.M.E.-approved breeders.



Any mating, birth and death of an Egyptian Mau (including kittens death-born and/or presenting with defects/faults) will be reported to the association, with complete identification of the cats concerned to the President, who will forward this information to the Committee. Repeated omissions can entail expulsion. This will allow to enrich the database and improve our advising capacities.

ARTICLE 11 : SALES

Selling an Egyptian Mau in ways potentially leading to hybridization is contrary to the association's purposes.

Strictly prohibited : giving or selling non-sterilized Egyptian Maus to a breeder owning or producing hybrids, or owning a feline considered as a "feral" or belonging to species covered by the "Convention de Washington". Any violation will entail immediate expulsion.

The president shall be informed of all sales, and of full data regarding owners

Any planned sale in Europe of a non-sterilized Mau to a breeder is submitted to the Committee for opinion and advice prior to effective sale. In the event of effective sale, the seller will inform the President and will communicate all information related to it. The President will forward this information to the Committee. Any "omission" can entail expulsion.

Selling to pet stores, to any other professional animal seller or to any breeder earning his/her living from selling live animals is contrary to the association's purposes. strictly prohibited. Any violation will entail immediate expulsion

- Selling - with full knowledge of the fact - animals to private individuals unable to provide them with the bare necessities (protection, affection) is contrary to the association's purposes.

ARTICLE 12 : PURCHASES

Buying an Egyptian Mau stemming from a practice of hybridization is contrary to the association's purposes.

Exception to this rule, however, could be made for non-breeding subjects stemming from an accidental hybridization or collected in conformance with the animal protection. The association should, in any case, be warned of it beforehand.



Strictly prohibited : buying an Egyptian Maus from a breeder owning or producing hybrids, or owning a feline considered as a "feral" or belonging to species covered by the "Convention de Washington". Any violation will entail immediate expulsion.

Any planned purchase of a non-sterilized Egyptian Mau is submitted to the Committee for opinion and advice. In the event of actual purchase, the buyer will inform the president and communicate all information related to it. The president will forward this information to the Committee. Any "omission" can entail expulsion.

ARTICLE 13 : TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

Any litigation concerning the application of the Constitution, of the By-Laws, or of the Code of Ethics which would be carried in justice is jurisdiction *ratione loci* of the courts the Head Office of the Association is subject to.