



ChatsCanadaCats

Administrative directive – 2022-02

Target Committee: Breeds Committee  
Show Committee

Target clubs: All Breed Specific National Clubs

Target audience: All Cat Breeders in Canada

**Whereas** Chats Canada Cats is responsible for the breeding of purebred cats in Canada

**Whereas** the members of Chats Canada Cats are concerned about the preservation of traditional, heritage and hybrid breeds

**Whereas** there is health issues related to the genes of blue eyes with incomplete variegation as well as their residual polygene

**Whereas** most of the Chats Canada Cats breed standards were created and adopted before the arrival of the agouti gene with 3 variables (A/a/Apb)

**Whereas** a large proportion of the current breed standards mention that all colors and patterns are accepted

On February 24, 2022, the Board of Directors of Chats Canada Cats, on the advice of the Breeds Committee, adopts the following guidelines regarding the recognition and acceptance of the 3-variable (A/a/Apb) agouti gene:

1 – The designation “all colors and patterns accepted” in the breed standards excludes the agouti gene with 3 variables (A/a/Apb). Including the category “All Other Variety” (AOV);

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- 2 – These genes will be accepted in the breed standards only after the national breed club has considered the issue and the possible short, medium and long term implications for the breed(s) and:
  - a) that a positive referendum has been held among its members;
  - b) a safe breeding protocol and rules have been developed by the club for the breed;
  - c) sends a request for an official modification of the breed standard to Chats Canada Cats.
  
- 3 – Chats Canada Cats instructs the Breeds Committee to propose changes to all breed standards to remove the mention “all colors and patterns accepted”;

Through this directive, the Board of Directors actively wishes to discourage the mass importation of cats that present a potential for health problems, to encourage members of national breed clubs to properly evaluate the incorporation of these genes and the adoption of appropriate reproductions.