

CONSTITUTION

Article I-NAME:

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be the **UNITED MAINE COON CAT ASSOCIATION, hereinafter call the Association.**

Article II-AFFILIATION

Section 1. The Association shall be affiliated with the **CAT FANCIER’S FEDERATION, INC.,** A non-profit organization of the state of Rhode Island.

Article III- OBJECTS

Section 1. The object of the Association shall be:

- (A) To promote the Maine Coon Cat
- (B) To protect the Maine Coon Cat **from** obliteration or distortion of any of its naturally evolved features.
- (C) To promote and encourage closer harmony and exchange of information among breeders and owners of Maine Coon Cats.
- (D) To encourage selective breeding toward the standards of perfection, “without hybridization involving other breeds”
- (E) The provision of a C.F.F. breed club for the consideration of all proposals relating to all competition classes and colors to the Maine Coon Cat Breed.

Article IV-FORMS AND DISSOLUTION

Section 1. The Association shall be a non-profit organization, no part of the net proceeds of which may inure to any individual or profit making organization. In the event of dissolution of the Association for any reason, all of its assets, after payment of its just obligations, shall be transferred to United Maine Coon Cat Rescue League. In the event that such organization cannot receive such assets, or is not then in existence, then said assets are to be transferred to some similar non-profit organization.

Article V- LEGISLATION AND POLITICS

Section 1. The Association may not, in any manner, directly or indirectly, undertake activities to influence legislation, either by itself or by encouraging others to do so. The Association may not participate or intervene directly or indirectly in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Article VI- MEMBERSHIP

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Revised May 11,1980
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- Section 1. Persons interested in the objects of the Association shall be eligible for membership under the conditions set forth in the BY-LAWS.
- Section 2. Eligibility for membership shall not be denied for reasons of sex, race, religion, national origin, age, or national citizenship. Acceptance into or expulsion for the **Association shall be by a 2/3 majority vote of members in good standing as provided in the BY-LAWS.**
- Section 3. To be considered a member in good standing, a member must have the established dues paid in full, and must not be currently in defense of expulsion charges either in the Association or C.F.F. The dues shall be as provided in the BY-LAWS.

Article VII- VOTING PROCEDURES

- Section 1. The voting on all matters determined by C.F.F. to be C.F.F. breed club matters shall be by mail ballot of all Breeder Members in good standing in the Association. All other matters may be voted upon by mail ballot of all members in good standing or at a meeting as provided in the BY-LAWS.

Article VIII-OFFICERS

- Section 1. The officers of the Association, election, duties, and terms of office shall be as provided in the BY-LAWS.

Article IX-AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. This constitution may be amended as provided in the BY-LAWS.