

What are the Strengths of the Mid-Atlantic Region ...

Great shows but decreasing counts;

Location of the region... convenient for people to fly.

I've never attended shows in any other region, so I have no basis for comparison.

Being a small region is both a strength and a weakness. It is not a divided region and people can pretty much speak openly and not acquire a target on their back. I feel the clubs truly support each other since there are very few.

Great group of people to have fun with, plenty of shows in the region

Highly knowledgeable exhibitors. Folks w/disposable income allowing them to exhibit cats. Ability to attend shows w/in the region easily from point to point; easy access to shows via major highways close to many venues.

There are great people in MA. MA attracts exhibitors from all over. We have good shows.

Easy enough to get to shows in SE and NE region.

Smaller size (not as large as CFA's Southern Region and TICA's SE region), which I believe equates to a few less "other" problems

So many great people

Committed cat fanciers and TICA supporters

Anthony as President

we can work together. We want the region to be better

the people who are friendly and helpful

we are able to voice our opinions and try to work on them/ resolve issues/conflicts that arise. We are a great region other than that I can't think of Anything else at this time

Attractive traditional shows that are all within easy travel distance with more cats than most Bordered by 3 other regions so shows draw attendance from other regions Dedicated exhibitor base and very few troublemakers High number of members per square miles

Urban population centers for gate, variety of facilities for hosting shows, reasonable transportation & driving distances.

Our new RD with new ideas and positive attitude

What are the Strengths of the Mid-Atlantic Region ...

It's people's

Talented master/entry clerks Support for local rescues

Our new director

High quality cats being shown

The people involved.

No response (15)

What are the Weaknesses of the Mid-Atlantic Region ...

Too many 3 days shows that bring in the campaigners.. may be good for the shows but not the average exhibitor. Politics.. I have never been a region it is so bad. it back in cage.

Sometimes the different clubs don't always cross communicate and work with each other. I am a member of 2 clubs and have never attended a meeting for one of them. The club picked the judges for a show and didn't put it up for vote.

Not enough young people, no training programs for clerks, other ways to keep people interested besides shows

not enough shows these past years. Dwindling number of clubs putting on shows

I don't know enough about how the region functions to comment on this.

Because of it being a small region, you do not have many clubs or shows and you have to compete with larger regions to be able to select dates so they do not overlap.

Need more shows. Need to cultivate more new mid-atlantic judges.

Communications could be improved. Shows are declining due to many reasons, but including the difficulty of finding facilities to welcome our shows.

Shows primarily in a few states, several of the same people going for best in region year after year and not allowing others much of a chance

Expensive area to have shows

Unfriendly exhibitors

Not enough people involved.

What are the Weaknesses of the Mid-Atlantic Region ...

Past Leadership

Haven't had good leadership

people who are NOT friendly and helpful

I would like to try and cultivate a better junior program and try and get more juniors involved and interested in exhibiting in cat shows. I plan on trying to look into different organizations ex 4h and go to local clubs and talk to them about cats and cat shows

Heavy anti breeder legislation in key states in the region (NJ, VA) Large number of CFA shows during the summer - many exhibitors begin to show during the summer when there are more CFA shows than TICA shows and stay in CFA if their cats are doing well Generally very expensive showhalls and associated expenses Seems to be a region where people come to campaign which scares off new exhibitors Very high veterinary costs so people are reluctant to breed

The same people doing most of the work over and over and over again. Individuals being not welcoming to new members and many breeders are not willing to sell show/breeding cats and mentor new exhibitors. Increasing anti-breed legislation. increasing costs of holding shows. Increasing competition for space.

Same judges at most shows. Good judges, but nice to see others come into the Region. Supremes Bengals should have their own class. There are too many of them and the novice has little to no chance of points or winning. Then Judge will say, your against the Supremes. Needs correction. Perhaps once pointed to at least a Championship, novice should be judged with other Champions or Quads. NOT SUPREMES. Judges will say, you are against Supremes.

To many back to back judges Breeders/breeds not working together Not enough shows

Some of the exhibitors

Not enough clubs or shows Behavior of some exhibitors

Small membership Other regions are much better at making people feel welcome at shows. This is not just me... many have commented this to me as well. Whenever I'm showing in another region they are so happy I there. I don't get that feeling from most shows in the MA. Clubs do not invite/entice new members. It's a joke when people say they do; or they place the blame on the members who are not. Or the famous "Start a new club" yourself. Who has that kind of money? It costs \$15,000-20,000 to put on a show. A lower cost one

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might be \$10,000. It's really super patronizing. It is clear that most MA clubs don't want new members so they can have complete control the judging panel. Shows ALWAYS have the same judges, and too many are doubled. Show missing from Virginia Maryland and Delaware Lack of regional judges; if we had more judges, there would be opportunities for less doubling up

Apathy

No response (14)

What are the Opportunities of the Mid-Atlantic Region ...

Growth of clubs and shows.

camaraderie; meeting people with common interests; having wonderful social opportunities.

Clubs in the region are dying. Is that for lack of interest on the part of the club members, or the shows they sponsor, or difficulties in getting appropriate venues, or some other reasons. Is there anything to be done to prevent this, or help the clubs make a come-back?

Huge opportunity to grow as the region is fairly affluent, very pet friendly, members willing to champion various events, fundraising. Members come from a lot of different venues/hobbies and can contribute 'out of the box' ideas from those who are primarily cat fanciers.

More shows

We sit nicely in that we are located between several major airports, hence convenient accessibility.

Be constantly on the prowl for new show venues and maintain an information repository on them. Perhaps establish a committee to investigate new venues continuously.

Growing clubs in other states

Large and generally well-off population base to draw from and expand

Areas that do not currently have shows.

Population centers where broad outreach to the community could be effective in public education. Experienced, motivated membership willing to lend

What are the Opportunities of the Mid-Atlantic Region ...

help/time/expertise/funding/ support. Pet expos and other ways to consolidate/cut costs.

I have been contacted in the past in my area by our local 4h organization in my county that I was heavily involved in about starting a "cat program" within 4h for the kids and going to local clubs and talking to them about shows and the cat fancy and possibly holding a "cat show" in a much smaller form for the kids at our local fair but it really didn't pan out in the past with the possibly of a show with logistics time etc but I would be interested in contacting the local clubs and going to them with some cats and talking about the cat fancy and maybe I would be able to get some of the older members to come to shows and Stewart or possibly be new JE's if they are really interested but one of the possible issues with that is most clubs aren't willing to travel as far for most shows but it would be worth a try

Opportunity to travel to shows Closeness to city centers with educational centers

More shows in more areas

Finding new venues and having new clubs and shows Education about genetics and husbandry

Increase shows with varied judges Increase support of rescues

Limitless.

No Response (20)

What are the Threats to the Mid Atlantic Region ...

decreasing number of members, especially active ones. Costs putting on shows (many venues are very expensive and the ones that are not tend to be less than ideal). Difficulty finding good venues/hotels for shows

Few people run everything and driving people away.

Dwindling participation in the region--should we be re-combined with another region?

Being merged with the Northeast Region. (Which I am not sure if that would be a good or bad thing.)

Age of exhibitors. Need more young people to become involved. Need mentors!

What are the Threats to the Mid Atlantic Region ...

There are declining new people entering the cat fancy and older people are sadly aging out.

Lack of reasonably priced show venues that are fairly easy to get to. Lack of new members.

Expensive show halls

Animal rights legislation further limiting breeding

Rising costs and difficulties in finding facilities (show halls and hotels/motels). Also legislation that threatens breeders.

Not enough exhibitors because of high costs

Lack of interest

I can't think of any at this time

The slightly lower numbers tempt certain board members to add states to the Mid atlantic (typically North Carolina) which don't want to be moved. We need to increase our membership numbers so they leave us alone.

Anti-breeder legislation, pet limit laws, lack of new exhibitors and breeders joining the organization, loss of key show clubs due to expense/time/volunteers, reduced number of cats being shown. Competition from CFA and other associations.

Lack of hotels b/c someone is simply disrespectful to the hotel rooms. Not hotels, no shows.

Loss of more clubs Decreased entries

legislation unsportsmanlike behavior abuse of animals politics

CFA has always been a big competition in this region. Internet- people think they can learn all they need to know. Tica needs to offer more for breeders who do show- similar to AKC Breeder of Merit I am extremely concerned about the expansion of TICA into China. There were huge problems with CFA going into China and I suspect the same will happen with TICA. They would enter 198 kittens in one show, then the next show enter 198 Cats so they counts were high and knock everyone else out. In a few years. Some people have said it won't happen in tica because we do not have the stuffing rule but I think they are very naive. I've spoken to people who have had experience over there already with some ethical issues. I'll bet that there will be about 2 IW per category from USA in a few years. It will harm the USA cat fancy thereby harming the MA. There should be a separation for IW immediately. Typical threats but I will reiterate

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them- AR and the infamous "adopt don't shop" types. We need to combat this in a strong manner. There needs to be pro responsible breeder articles on TICA website and a concerted effort to fight this. We cannot continue to be reactive. There's more testing than ever that's done on cats. Some breeders are very focused on making healthy typey cats. This should be spotlighted. Video clips like AKC does... showing an HCM clinic... showing educational seminars, long time breeders and so on. There needs to be a focus on how important showing is. Stop the new freak breeds. This does not help us with the AR. I'm not saying we do things to cater to them but enough is enough with the new breeds.

Egal, financial

