Attachment F- United Gamefowl Breeders Association, California Chapter- Excerpts of Article- What are Gamefowl?

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California Association for the Preservation of Gamefowl A non-profit corporation

Mission Statement

To bond together lovers of gamefowl in an effort to perpetrate and improve the gamefowl species

To provide gamefowl standards to maintain and improve the various strains of gamefowl.

To hold poultry shows across the State to give our members an opportunity to show their birds and have them tested against the Standards. To educate members on improved methods for health, breeding, caring and protecting

To educate and work with members on knowing, protecting and securing their Constitutional rights to breed, raise and enjoy their gamefowl.

This is an organization of and for those that have a love and appreciation for gamefowl. We are an affiliate of the United Game Breeders Association.

The APG was formed to band together the gamefowl breeders of California in an effort to perpetuate gamefowl, share information on better breeding practices, better health, provide a venue to show gamefowl and to assist those that would have their rights abused by those that seek to deny us our right to peaceably and lawfully raise and enjoy our fowl. We hold our annual convention in October of every year and sponsor shows throughout the winter and spring.

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## What are Gamefowl?

The gamefowl heritage can be traced to the Red Jungle Fowl the ancestor of domesticated chickens. Jungle fowl- any of four Asian birds of the genus Gallus, family Phasianidae (order Galliformes). Gallus species differ from other members of the pheasant family in having, in the male, a fleshy comb, lobed wattles hanging below the bill, and high-arched tail. The red jungle fowl (G. gallus) is the ancestor of the domestic fowl. The cock has shining silky plumage, red on the head and back and green-black elsewhere—a pattern seen also in several domestic breeds. The hen is rusty brown with speckled neck and minimal comb. Males meet in a selected arena—natural precursor of the gamecock pit, where they use their sharp leg spurs in combat, often to the death. In courtship display, the male drops one wing and tilts his head, mantle, and back—his most colorful parts—toward the hen; the domestic rooster behaves similarly. Jungle fowl seem to be monogamous under normal circumstances. The hen lays 5-8 buff colored eggs in a clutch before setting.