

TICA VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES



Francine Hicks

Dear Fellow TICA Members,
I am Francine Hicks, active TICA member for over 20 years and I want to be your next Vice President. I welcome the opportunity to work for all of you in a leadership position.

I live in Maine, United States with my husband Mike, our Italian Greyhound Vinnie, our Bengal Badger, Snowy our Oriental Longhair and Venus, a stunning black silver Ocicat. I am Medical Practice Manager for a multi-physician practice in Portland, Maine.

I became a TICA member in 1995. I was attracted to TICA because it was different. I found friendly, fascinating and fun people at the TICA shows and just had to be part of it. I bred and showed Ocicats and have shown other breeds as well. In 2002, I became a TICA judge and went on to achieve Approved Allbreed status as well as becoming a Licensed Ring and School Instructor. As a founding member and treasurer of Nauticats Cat Club as well as other clubs, I enjoy hosting shows and getting to know the members of TICA's world better. I served as Northeast Regional Director for 6 years gaining the experience in board proceedings and procedures. In my tenure as Regional Director, the Northeast Region grew in membership and by number of shows.

If elected, I would bring the knowledge I have gained both as Regional Director and in my personal life as a Practice Manager. It is important to realize that TICA is a business and in our handling of all matters related to the cat fancy, we should act professionally yet compassionately. Understanding that it is our members that make TICA great, I will be another source for your concerns, complaints and hopefully compliments for TICA. I will listen to all TICA members worldwide and will work with all of you to make TICA the best it can be. The office of Vice President is an important one in that I would serve as an ambassador for TICA throughout the world. It is my belief that there is work to be done for TICA and its members in order to improve the organization for all.

I will encourage input from all members and support our clubs which we all rely on to increase exhibitors and members insuring that we all continue to grow stronger. I will continue to foster good relationships with other Cat associations as this makes us all stronger and encourages cross over exhibitors and members. I will support animal welfare, keep informed of feline legislation and promote good breeding practices. I will work diligently to ensure that the rules and principles are applied equally to all members. I will listen to you, the members, and will make your voices heard on the Board of Directors. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at bellaken@roadrunner.com

Regardless of who you chose to support in the election, please vote. Make your voice heard with your ballot.

With Warmest Regards,
Francine Hicks