



My name is Alessio Pasquini of Nudelook Sphynx and I reside in Pisa, Italy.

I am hoping and asking you to allow me to support you by being your representative with the Sphynx Breed Committee for another term.

I am currently the President of the TICA Italian Club (TICat) and an active regional member of TICA Europe South.

My job has been to introduce TICA to Italy and to recruit and educate breeders to feline husbandry practices, encouraging them to show their cats and ensuring we meet TICA guidelines; hopefully allowing them to have a great time at the shows while getting to know one another! We have proudly met the goals we set for 2016/2017 with the highest number of shows organized along with the highest cat/exhibitor counts in Southern Europe.

I was owned by my first Sphynx in 2005.

I was going through some personal challenges at the time and my Sphynx always greeted me at the door when I came home during these difficult times and helped me to feel complete.

These magnificent and enthralling creatures instantly mesmerized and captivated me, changing my life forever.

I began in 2005 to research their history and origin and could not seem to get information fast enough.

However, during my life-changing path to my future with Sphynx, I had the opportunity to meet some other reputable Sphynx owners and realized they were a close community and were the key to my devotion and passion in assisting this breed.

I started searching the old lines of Sphynx because in their past I saw the magic... the miracle of their history that can blend with the knowledge of their present for a better and healthier future.

My cats are my life and we walk and improve ourselves together.

I think aesthetically beautiful Sphynx are not enough; these sensitive cats need to also hold a healthy future.

I had the honor of getting to know prestigious and distinguished breeders like Blake Gipson, Janis Larson, Florence de la Celle, Aline Noel, Ed Manning, France Vandenabeele and Olga Nyunina, who started their work to improve this breed many years ago.

These incredible breeders have always been available and willing to listen whenever needed, for me to share my thoughts, ideas and questions.

Thus, my breeding program began in earnest and I was hooked.

I then started to take my Sphynx to shows so that I could meet other Sphynx breeders and see the results they were achieving in their individual breeding programs, which inspired me to continue my mission to improve the lines.

The rest is history, and I can truly say I have enjoyed every step.

Nothing makes me happier than my cats, always giving them the respect, adoration and devotion that I promised when I began my breeding program.

I am also returning the favor to those individuals that helped me on my journey; by being available to always help others whenever requested - I do this from my heart.

As mentioned earlier, I am currently on your Sphynx Breed Committee to share information and help to educate other breeders and enthusiasts whilst striving to increase awareness of the challenges facing the Sphynx.

- I have organized a Sphynx Breed Congress here in Italy in March 2017 as I promised during my current term. I have been humbly available to all breeders who have asked for my opinion or support.
- I am co-administrator of the "Progressive Sphynx Alliance" Facebook Group with Blake Gipson which was created to share information about Sphynx and to be a great community of collaboration... always eager and dedicated to improving together.
- My cats and I have always and will continue to contribute to dispense information in HCM databases because we believe in the transparency of data-sharing to make the path of other breeders less difficult.

In my role as Sphynx Breed Committee member I hope to maintain our current loyalty and achievements but also to implement and establish certain ideas to ensure I am performing to the best of my ability:

- To work closely with the Sphynx Breed Section to review the TICA Sphynx Breed Standard and possibly alter some ambiguity in understanding the standard as it is currently written. This may also include changing the point structure to lend more points where it makes sense while reducing points in other areas.

In addition, I will be running as part of a coalition that includes Blake Gipson, Teresa Holmes, Skylar Clifton, Dawn Majors and Janis Larson. These fellow candidates share my passion and commitment to the Sphynx Breed.

- Be an active member and keep you all informed of what the committee is considering.
- To continue to organize TICA shows in Italy and to help other breeders discover the world of TICA, but I will also work to organize other Sphynx Breed Congresses in Europe.
- Organize donation drives in some of our shows to assist with HCM research in the USA and Europe.
- Represent the Sphynx Breed at shows here in Europe and provide regular Breed presentations for our judges to continue their educational requirements.

- Be present in other Sphynx Breed Congresses organized around the world to share in the camaraderie of these great events and assist in any way that I can.

- I vow to continue to help other breeders and will share everything I have learned because hopefully this will bring us happier and healthier cats in our world, with the opportunity for cats to have a healthy life with healthy offspring.

This is not all about us as breeders and enthusiasts.

Supporting and collaborating as a group benefits us, but most importantly it benefits our cats.

When we learn something is not something that belongs to us, but it's something that comes to us and through us can get to someone else to be useful.

I believe this should be the main purpose for candidacy in our Sphynx Breed Committee.

Love is not about what you receive to keep it for yourself.

It is about commitment, respect, honesty, loyalty, faithfulness, devotion and understanding.

Love includes these things together but it is also about how you feel when you're with them.

If you feel good about yourself, everything else comes very naturally. I believe we should listen, improve, keep our promises and respect each other, you would never lie or break a promise, or disrespected them.

I will follow this through with your valuable input!

If you have any questions please contact me at ilgattoblu@hotmail.com.

Thank You for your time!

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