

A note from Alice:

I love this breed. I am so thrilled I came across the TICA Thai in 2008. Every show I attend I get a grooming space just to put up a display telling anyone who stops to look about our beautiful, wonderful, lovable Thai cats. Outside of shows I have pictures on my cell phone to show anyone should the conversation turn to cats. Yes, I talk cat to anyone who will listen.

Working with Nancy and Adrian on the breed committee has been a pleasure. We share common goals for the betterment of the Thai cat. I appreciate I can discuss things with them, we can express our opinions and that I can expect an honest answer from them. We want to build a solid future for the Thai cats.

I am a software engineer by trade, but my degree is actually in biology so I have a very good understanding of genetics. I know who to turn to when I need answers to my questions.

I promise to do the best I can to promote and preserve the TICA Thai cats, the cat I love.

Thank you,  
Alice Billman  
Alicats Thais

### **Committee Statement**

Running for TICA Thai Committee:

Adrian Keeling-Look from the Europe West Region

Alice Billman from the Great Lakes Region

Nancy Day from the Southwest Region

A list of things we have done and hope to do in the future.

- Start a new forum. Some people just are not comfortable posting in the old one. We want a place where people can speak up, have a little fun and not fear what they say will be dumped upon by others.
  - Adrian has been working on this and it is ready to go. This is not a Yahoo, Google or Facebook group but something a bit more private.
  - List will be open to all TICA Thai breeders and exhibitors to discuss any issues related to the Thai cat.
  - We are going to allow the posting of litters and breeding programs so we can more readily help each other.
  - Support each other in discussions from health to shows to personal stories.
  - We will have a rule in place against personal attacks and the consequences should these occur. This will include but is not limited to speculation presented as fact.
- Adrian has also reserved a domain for the TICA Thais so we can have a place on the internet for anyone looking for the old style Siamese. We want to tell others about our beautiful Thais and our hope for the future to preserve the native and natural cat from Thailand/Old Siam.
- Continue to respond to private messages and inquiries about the Thai breed. We can be reached by email and all of the current Thai committee members have Skype.
  - Any private issue which needs to be brought to the attention of the TICA Thai group will be done discreetly and with the permission of the people involved.
- Continue to monitor the agendas and meeting minutes of the TICA Board of Directors.
  - Ask questions of our regional directors, any director outside of our personal regions, any TICA officer and any member of the Rules or Genetics committees.
    - Did read the standards presented for the Toybob and didn't see where Thai could

be used as an outcross. We have had discussions with 2 directors and a genetic committee member all of whom indicated the Thai breeders do not need to be concerned with the Toybob.

- Observed the judges as they examine the Thai cats at shows. Listen to how they are describing our breed.
  - Have private discussions with them after the show if it appears they have a misconception on a trait or the history or what is a Thai.
  - The current committee members have been asked to present breed seminars in the upcoming year.
- Participated in Meet the Breeds in New York City in February 2017. The Thais were one of only 7 breeds with double size booths and the Thais had the most cats on display.
  - Plan on attending more pet expos. Also Meet the Breeds if the AKC invites TICA again.