

My name is Blake Gipson and I am hoping to continue giving my support and dedicated commitment to all Sphynx cat breeders by being re-elected to your TICA Sphynx Breed Committee.

I would like to express how I will represent The International Cat Association if you will give me the honor of representing you for another term:

I am running as part of a united group that will be your voice. Those candidates are Skylar Clifton, Alessio Pasquini, Teresa Holmes, Dawn Majors, and Janis Larson.

The Sphynx have been my ultimate passion for 27 years and I will continue to promote the breed to the public and vow to educate new Sphynx owners/breeders on the basics of correct and appropriate care to these remarkable felines.

I will review the breed standard with my fellow breed committee members and Sphynx Breed Section members frequently in the following two ways:

I will organise quarterly meeting updates with you, and poll the Sphynx Breed Section on changes you may want implemented to the Sphynx Breed Standard.

I will liaise with the other breed committee members to produce regular quarterly updates to you as members of the Sphynx Breed Section.

Finally, I would like to highlight the responsibilities and goals that I currently carry out and accomplish within the Breed Committee:

The TICA Executive Office reached out to me several years ago and asked me to be part of their TICA Mentor Program. My responsibilities include introducing new members to TICA, assisting them in showing their cats and provide them with support in their breeding programs. I thoroughly enjoy doing this and it gives me the opportunity to make their introduction into TICA a pleasant one.

I am working with Skylar Clifton, Alessio Pasquini, Janis Larson, Dawn Majors and Teresa Holmes on our 3rd World TICA Show in Denver which includes a special "Sphynx Congress" each year. The congresses provide enormous opportunities for people to meet breeders and observe how the Sphynx is progressing within the breed standard. It also brings other breeders together from around the world to meet one another and have a good time. This was a previous pledge I made to you when I asked for your vote 3 years ago. I promised to help manage one Congress - and this year will be our 3rd! Skylar Clifton has been a huge contributor to the success of this world event and the Congress.

Managing two HCM clinics per year in Colorado with Skylar Clifton; providing the opportunity for low cost HCM scans to members of the local cat fancy.

Introducing the Sphynx breed to the public at the combined AKC/TICA "Meet The Breeds" event in NYC; this event had over 40,000 spectators in attendance. Promoting the Sphynx breed and serving as a TICA steward/ambassador, I am Co- Managing the "Progressive Sphynx Alliance" Facebook social media page which currently has over 1000 members.

NOTE: This page was created as a place dedicated to the camaraderie of all Sphynx Cat

Breeders and Enthusiasts. It consists of devoted Sphynx lovers committed to promoting and improving the Sphynx Breed through ethical breeding practices. It also enables us to teach and relay vital

information about this breed to new and current Sphynx owners, emphasising awareness of current challenges facing the breed.

This social media page provides a comfortable and welcoming setting for pet owners to ask any questions specific to their cats with understanding and experienced breeders, allowing every individual to share photos and also to publicise upcoming events/TICA shows.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. I hope you recognise my devotion, loyalty and dedication and I anxiously await your decision as to whether you choose for me to remain within the committee.