

Colleen Batt

For Abyssinian Breed Committee

I would look forward to participation on the Abyssinian breed committee to continue the work that has been started on recommendations to modify the breed standard. I would like to see the committee complete a Breed Seminar as encouraged in the Standing Rules that could be added on the TICA website and used in judge training. I believe since I have retired from my career I have the time and the skills to assist the committee in meeting their goals.

My professional career and training go hand in hand with my hobby of raising Abyssinians. My educational background has included two degrees in human nutrition and specialty training in human lactation management. I worked a majority of my career managing a public health nutrition program for mothers and children. During my career I worked in leadership roles servicing as the president of a state professional organization, and representing the Midwest region on a national board of directors. While on the national board I participated in providing education to legislators in Washington, DC on important legislative nutrition program issues. I have served on multiple committees where the work product was developed via phone conference calls and emailing. I currently work part-time developing and teaching training for health professions in lactation management.

I have been involved in breeding and showing Abyssinian cats since 2002 when I got my 1st alter to start showing. My experience in animal breeding has been extensive with both large and small species for the past 25 years as we have a small hobby farm. Our children were involved in 4-H and active in raising animals with my husband and me.

As a committee member I would welcome an open dialog with all breeders that love and wish to preserve the Abyssinian breed for future generations. I have the time, passion and experience to devote to this endeavor and would appreciate the support of the breed section members. Thank you for your consideration.