

Personal Statement

Dear Thai Community,

My name is Nancy Day, and I, along with Alice Billman and Adrian Keeling-Look, seek your vote for Thai Breed Committee. Alice, Adrian and I have worked together for the last three years as your breed committee — a time of relative peace within the breed. Representing distinct regions of the TICA community, we are located in Southwest (me), Great Lakes (Alice), and Europe West (Adrian) to connect members around the globe. We have worked well together and are excited to unveil some of the plans that we have worked on in the near future.

Our breed listserv has long been a forum to discuss our beloved breed. Along with sharing breed history, it long been used in the past to also seek advice about the breeding and health our cats. Alice, Adrian, and I have thought long and hard about a new listserv/forum that will serve the members of our breed...to promote healthy breeding practices, discussion of the standard, descriptions of recently-attended shows, and general camaraderie. We seek to develop a friendly and respectful community that will enable all to share their perspectives on the current status and future of the breed.

Despite being one of the youngest members in our breed section, I am also one of the remaining members who has been involved with Thais since they were considered Preliminary New Breed. I've seen people come and go...and many times people go with good cats who have good genes that would help the genetic diversity of our breed. Preserving the outgoing, chatty, and intelligent characteristics that define the temperament of our breed, combined with their elegant points and blue eyes, is what fuels my interest in serving another term as a breed committee member. My observations of the native cats of Thailand during my visit to Thailand have only reinforced my commitment to preserving the health and beauty of the breed. I have also earned a Ph.D. in neuroscience, and I am able to critically read, understand, and evaluate scientific literature (e.g. genetics) that is relevant to our breed going forward.

I am excited to serve as a breed committee member for an additional three years, and to help bring together the members of our community to promote healthy and beautiful Thai cats.

Nancy Day
Stonearch Cattery

Committee statement

Running for TICA Thai Committee:

Alice Billman

from the **Great Lakes** Region

Nancy Day

from the **Southwest** Region

Adrian Keeling-Look

from **Europe West** 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 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 inquires 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.
- 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.