

Hello Fellow Siamese Breed Group Enthusiasts!

My name is Vicki Jo Harrison and I am seeking your support for a position on the Siamese Breed Group Committee.

I have been a TICA member since 1983. I have bred Oriental Shorthairs, Siamese and two Balinese under the cattery name Radiance. I hope to add Oriental Longhairs to the list very soon! I was a small part of the implementation of the particolor division in the four breeds back in the late 1980s. I have bred and shown regional and international winners including 2013 Alter of the Year. The four breeds in this breed group are my passion and first feline love.

I have served on this committee as the Chair since its inception. I have also served on both the Siamese and Oriental Shorthair committees. I was the Chair for the Balinese breed committee for three years back in the 1990s. During the time I have served on the committee(s), there has been much work done to improve and show case our breeds. The standards have been updated to include all four breeds into one standard. Our breeds have been proudly represented at TICA events such as Meet the Breeds and veterinarian conventions. I feel our biggest accomplishment as a breed group was the publication and sale of the 2017 Siamese Breed Group calendar. The committee reached out to breeders and exhibitors from several associations to help get the calendar published. This group effort raised over \$10,000 for the WINN Foundation for amyloid research. As I write this, the discovery of the DNA marker for amyloidosis is very close to being discovered. The money we raised and donated is directly helping with that effort. Plans are in the works to publish a 2019 calendar and I hope to be part of the process.

I am committed to work with others for the health and well-being of our fabulous felines. The health of our cats is my primary concern. We need to work together to help our breeds become healthy and disease free. With your vote of confidence, I will continue work for the betterment of our breeds and our breed group.

Thank you,

Vicki Jo Harrison