

My name is Toni Jones and I am seeking your support for the TICA Siamese Group Breed Committee.

I have been breeding and showing these beautiful creatures since 1993 under the cattery name Hojpoj. I have had numerous regional, international and breed winners over the years. Nothing gives me greater pleasure than showing these wonderful cats to the world.

I have had the privilege of serving on the Oriental Shorthair/Siamese breed committees since 1995 when I was appointed by the board of directors to fill a vacancy. During that time we have updated our standard, combined our four breed committees into one group and I think one of our greatest accomplishments has been the donation of \$10,000 to the WINN Foundation for amyloid research. A disease which affects our breed group and other breeds and is a truly devastating disease. (This donation was a group effort and the support of the different associations)

I believe that we have one of the greatest if not the greatest breeds out there! As a judge, I am not supposed to show bias, but as an exhibitor I can and do at every show;-) We have the smartest and most beautiful of all breeds!! I have always said if they could use a calculator or a computer they would rule the world...they are just that smart and gorgeous!

As you can tell, I love and adore our breed group but I am also very concerned about the health issues we are facing and what it can do to our cats. Several of the diseases that we face are genetic and there is no known marker test. We are getting close with amyloids but there is still work to be done. I believe that as a committee and breed section we can finish what we have started and that is helping to fund the research for a genetic marker test for amyloids.

We need to continue to work together for the betterment of our breeds and the continued survival as well.

I am committed to:

- *another fundraiser to continue funding the amyloid research that is currently being done.
- *being as open and honest as possible about health issues that my cats and others in my lines have faced. **IF** we are not honest and open about our health issues, we will never eradicate them.
- *promoting our breeds near and far! There is no reason we can't be as popular as other breeds!!!
- *open exchange of ideas, pedigrees, etc...if we work together, we can help all our cats live longer, healthier lives.

A little about me...I have been a public school teacher for 29 years. During that time I have served as department chair and facilitator. I am currently serving as English dept. chair. I am also an ESL (English as a Second Language) instructor.

I am a TICA Approved Allbreed judge, Ring and School Instructor. I am currently serving on the Rules committee and the SI Breed group committee.

Together, we can make our breed healthier and stronger for many years to come!

Thank you for your consideration!

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