



2017 TICA ELECTION
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TICA Ragdoll Breed Committee

To my TICA Ragdoll Breed Group,

I have a burning passion for the Ragdoll breed for about 35 years, and counting, as I started with the breed when I was 21 as my cherished family member, altered pets. I have a long professional life with jumping, dressage & carriage horses, and all during this time I had Ragdolls in my home as my beautiful pets. All of these years with altered Ragdolls did give me a good head start & passion for my breeding, and my experience in horses taught me many aspects that translate directly into breeding Ragdolls, such as:

- Importance of proper bone structure
- Importance of correct movement
- Purpose of a breed standard

The entire purpose of any breed standard is to describe the perfect specimen of the breed. This is, first and foremost, important for all breeders to have a full guide in their breeding. The majority of our Ragdoll standard is good and has a good point system which keeps “most important as most important” in our breed. In some areas, however, I believe, and have made a stand for years, that our Ragdoll standard should have a few better descriptions. Many TICA judges do strongly agree with this, as well as, many highly respectable Ragdoll breeders. I do, personally, believe that we now have a majority of breeders that agree to some needed updates. Any updates should be written by the new TICA committee with TICA breed group assistance. Then, there is a TICA Ragdoll Breed Group vote on these INDIVIDUAL ITEMS, and majority vote rules on each updated item:

- Add UCD eye color description, “blue, deeper preferred,”
- Add tail faults into DQ,
- Remove “spots & dots clause.”

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I have been breeding Ragdolls as BLOSSOM RAGDOLLS since 2005, and have proven my love and devotion to the Ragdoll breed. I love to work and grow with our Ragdolls, and believe that my breeding, showing and volunteer work is valuable for the betterment of the Ragdoll breed. It is my joy and honor to serve you.

- **Ragdolls should remain a BLUE-EYED POINTED BREED.** From the beginning, developers of our breed always intended for the Ragdoll to be a blue-eyed pointed cat, and we should honor their wishes. The addition of any mink/sepia/solid colors would be a nightmare and step backward for our breed. It would unnecessarily complicate genetics, and these cats are just simply not the direction that was ever intended for our blue-eyed pointed breed. Developers of our breed worked to develop a blue-eyed pointed Ragdoll, and I will always fight for this.
- **TICA Ragdoll Breed Committee Member: 2 terms:** 2012-current. 2012-2014 committee term, I was instrumental in developing our current Ragdoll Seminar, alongside this committee. In current 2015-2017 committee term, I worked to accomplish some seminar updates desired by some committee members. I am a valued, patient, highly involved and meticulous member of this, and any committee team. I stand for the Ragdoll breed standard and what is best for the Ragdoll breed.
- **Proudly breeding & showing in TICA** as Blossom Ragdolls, I continue to grow & learn, and am a caring, highly responsible breeder. I have accomplished Supreme Grand Champions, Regional & International Winners, and have shown to the highest TICA title of Lifetime Achievement Award Winner. I adore this breed & the entire journey of breeding & showing: worldwide friends & kitten families, beautiful travel, time with friends & cats, and every aspect of grooming, mentoring and promoting our Ragdolls.
- **Worldwide TICA Mentor** in breeding, nutrition & showing of Ragdolls. I feed the highest quality, grain-free foods, and maintain proper organization in my cattery home. I believe it important to not overcrowd our cats, and keep a clean, healthy home. No caging of any kind is important at Blossom Ragdolls. My home is my cat's heaven, full of cat trees and wall benches for their enjoyment. Our animals should be healthy, spoiled and loved, or don't have them. We should grow & breed for the betterment of the Ragdoll breed & our cat's good health. I work hard for this & mentor this around the world.
- **RFCI, Ragdoll Fanciers Club International**, current Breed & Education Committee Chair for 2 terms, and former South Central Regional Director.

I believe that volunteer work is important for our breed. I cherish this work alongside the committee members, and my fellow Ragdoll Breed Groups, of all associations, worldwide. I am always here for my Ragdoll work, and I ask for your vote in this election of your TICA Ragdoll Breed Committee.

Sincerely,

Dana Pendergraph