

Greetings Fellow TICA members,

My name is Tania Antenucci and I am seeking your support in the upcoming election for OS/OL/SI/BA Breed Committee; a Committee I envision to be a strong advocate for preserving the health, type and temperament of these uniquely spectacular cats.

My first experience with our breed began back in 1996. I quickly learned of its colorful personality, inquisitive energy and extreme intelligence. From this point forward, I endeavored to show and begin a breeding program.

As a practicing pharmacist over the course of the last 17 years, I also became intrigued with pedigrees and their importance in tracing our breed's health and genetic diversity. In 2010, with the generous help of several mentors, I began the adventure of Argentia Orientals and acquired my foundation breeding queen and stud. I attended my first TICA show, where I learned the importance of ongoing collaboration with fellow breeders, exhibitors, judges and spectators. I quickly learned that only through working together as breed advocates can we begin to understand the true complexity of the challenges faced by our breed and learn how to overcome them collectively. In my active show career thus far as a small breeder, I have become involved with TICA on several levels:

- [Elected OS/OL/SI/BA Committee Member \(2015-2017\)](#)
- [Assisted with Breed Committee Fundraising Efforts - Amyloidosis Research \(2016\)](#)
- [President, Clawsome Cats \(2017\) / Co-show Manager for Hartford, CT show \(2017\)](#)
- [Completed TICA Clerking School; March 2014](#)
- [Co-show Manager of Cats on the St. Laurent Club, Sherbrooke, April 2014](#)
- [Member of Cats on the Beach Club, NE Region](#)
- [Assisted with setup and sponsorship for TICA Annual, Worcester, 2014](#)
- [NE Regional Banquet Coordinator, 2014 – Cape Cod](#)

Impassioned by our breed's perseverance, I firmly believe in the need for strong leadership, **working together and embracing change in order to achieve a level of unprecedented advocacy**. Some of the ideas I envision include:

- [Through education and advocacy, increasing awareness among breeders and owners relating to the genetic disorders and illnesses we see affecting our breed](#)
- [Exploring reporting requirements and fundraising opportunities for breed specific illnesses requiring further study](#)
- [Regularly reviewing current breed standards and assess any need for revision, comparatively and objectively](#)
- [Proactively engaging Breed Group members, together with the assistance of the Breed Committee, to provide ongoing educational breed seminars/presentations to current TICA community, judges in training and the public](#)

I approach this position with a commitment to our breed first and foremost, to you – our Breed Group, and to all who have our breed's best interest at heart. Our biggest asset as breed advocates is a unified voice; a powerful one that needs to be heard!

Respectfully submitted,

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