Dear fellow Ragdoll Breeders,

I have been a Ragdoll breeder and exhibitor for the last 23 years, and I am asking for your support in becoming a member of the Ragdoll Breed Committee.

If I am elected to be part of the breed committee, my main goals are to:

1. Further improve our breed standard, mainly by adding drawings and making some other small clarifications.
2. Create a new breed seminar presentation.
3. Make education a priority (I would like to create a series of educational opportunities on various aspects of breeding in general and Ragdolls in particular).
4. Keep the Ragdoll a blue-eyed, pointed cat.

That’s it in a nutshell. If you would like to know some more details – keep reading 😊

I think that the last revision of our breed standard took some important steps in the right direction. I feel it describes more clearly what a perfect example of our breed should look like. The standard revision did not take our breed in a new direction – it made clearer what “trends” we do not want to see rewarded in the show ring. When discussing the new version with judges and exhibitors, a few things have been pointed out that could still be improved. One important aspect is that we need to add illustrations for some of the features – basically some drawings of what we want to see and possibly some examples of what is not correct. These drawings would also be important in a new breed seminar presentation.

Our association is full of amazing knowledge – but we do not make it easily accessible to new breeders or the general public. I would like to have a series of videos and possibly some “learning games” (platforms like Kahoot) to help in that effort. This would include some basic things that are just fun for people who want to get to know our fantastic breed as well as some more detailed topics like color genetics.

Thank you for reading my statement. I hope you vote for me in this ballot – but please be sure to vote and be part of the decision 😊

Ralph