

# Julie Keyer

Candidate for the  
**Siamese Breed Group  
Committee**



Hello! My name is Julie Keyer and I would like to represent you as a part of the TICA Siamese Breed Group Committee. Twenty years ago, I registered our cattery, Kattalyst, with TICA. I started out breeding Oriental Shorthairs, and since that time, have expanded our program to include Balinese, Oriental Longhairs, and Siamese. I have bred and exhibited cats in all four breeds to Regional Wins and exhibited an Oriental Longhair to a Lifetime Achievement Award.

- ◆ For more than a decade, my cats and I have participated in all of the Meet the Breeds cat events, to promote both TICA and our breed group to the public. This large event provides a wonderful opportunity for people to meet and learn about our breed group and TICA in general.
- ◆ Preservation and the health of our breeds have always been a priority. I have participated in several health-related activities for our breeds with the Winn Foundation both in fund-raising and by providing samples for research, including juvenile-onset mediastinal lymphoma and amyloidosis. I was honored to play a part in the calendar projects that supported amyloidosis research through Winn. I have worked tirelessly to raise awareness of this disease with breeders, and for open and honest conversations between breeders, including setting up databases for breeders to share health information
- ◆ In 2004, I created an Oriental Rescue Fund, and have been active in breed rescue. Currently I maintain the Oriental Cat Breed Rescue page on Facebook, which helps connect slinky cats in rescue with potential owners.
- ◆ I am a member of Tabby Tales, an active show-producing club in the Mid-Atlantic Region.
- ◆ In my personal life, I have a doctorate in chemistry and am currently teaching mathematics and science to high school students with language-based learning differences including dyslexia. I feel the mixture of both my science and educational background is useful in promoting the breed as well as mentoring new breeders in genetics, health, and general care issues.

*I have dedicated so much of the past two decades to the Siamese Breed Group.  
My goals as a member of your Breed Committee include:*

- ◇ Working to preserve the health and standard of the breeds by working together through research, education, and discussions between breeders.
- ◇ Continuing fund-raising efforts for studies that will help improve our breeds' health.
- ◇ Continuing promotion of the Siamese Breed Group to the public.