

Maine Coon Breed Committee
Candidate statement for Janet Brown

I began showing in 2000, starting with an alter. I realized fairly soon that I couldn't keep collecting alters, and made the life commitment to breeding these gorgeous cats. So In 2004, Whatatrill Maine Coons was born, and the adventure began. I was like a sponge (still am) soaking up as much information as information regarding showing, health, breeding etc.

I am committed to breeding healthy, happy and beautiful cats. I continue to have my breeding cats hearts ultra sounded annually by board certified feline cardiologists. I also have hips xrayed and genetic testing done. I have been active in mentoring new breeders and teaching health screening (in my opinion it's not enough just to do the genetic testing).

To date I have bred 4 International Winners, and 3 of those are females. A feat none too easy in this breed. I have shown around the world, and have cats in 5 continents.

I have been a member of many clubs and have put on countless shows, regionals and 2 annuals.

I am a current member of TICA's breed committee since 2017. I was involved with the Maine Coon show we sponsored in FL. I would like to see the breed committee continue to work on the Maine Coon standard which has not been updated in many years. Do we want to continue to allow lavender and chocolate Maine Coons? Over the years I have noticed that we have lost pattern in our classics, what can be done?

In conclusion, please vote!!!!

Sincerely,

Janet Brown