

Distinguished Members of the Sphynx Breed Group,

“My name is Shauntay Burris of ScantlyClad Sphynx and I have served as your Sphynx Breed Committee Chair for the past three years, and I humbly submit my candidacy for Sphynx Breed Committee for your consideration in this upcoming election. I have been enamored with our incredible breed since the moment I held my very first pet Sphynx over 18 years ago. Shortly after his diagnosis of HCM, I decided to devote myself to our breed, with the goals of health, longevity and preserved breed type at the helm of my breeding program.

I began showing in CCA and TICA in 2009, and have been an exclusive member of TICA since 2013. I have had the pleasure of breeding several International Winning, Breed Winning, Lifetime Achievement and Outstanding Dam cats during that time and have enjoyed growing within TICA as I make my journey towards the Judging Program.

During my three years as your Breed Chair, I have fulfilled my promises to the community. I created a new Breed Presentation, and presented it in a Breed Seminar at the TICA Annual 2019. I organized a fundraiser to help offset the costs for materials and banners used in multiple Sphynx Breed Booths with help from my colleague Alessio Pasquini, so that we can have eye catching representation at major events where public education on the breed is encouraged and facilitated. I organized and presented a virtual Breed Seminar where all proceeds were donated to HCM Research in the amount of \$388. I organized a fundraiser for Dr. Meurs HCM research and with the help of all of you, we donated \$4180.14. I listened to the changes you wanted made in our Breed Standard and wrote two proposals for said changes, and funded the process of polling the Breed Group on those proposals, both of which passed the vote as well as the TICA Board of Directors. Those changes will be implemented in May 2021. I have worked hard within the membership program of TICA, to help forge more community within our breed, and stronger support for new breeders who are passionate about improving and protecting this incredible breed, and have successfully paired up numerous Mentors and Mentees. I am currently acting as the informal messenger for the NCSU Sphynx HCM Research and will continue to update the community as we learn more about the mutation

that is responsible for about 60% of HCM cases in our breed. I am also organizing a free HCM Webinar with a highly experienced Board Certified Cardiologist, for pet owners and breeders alike.

I am eager to continue serving you as a member of the Breed Committee if I am given that opportunity once again. I don't take this responsibility lightly, and commit myself to working tirelessly to represent the voices, concerns, and interests of the TICA Sphynx community. I will continue to update the community on the discussions or proposals put before the Sphynx Breed Committee. I will continue to organize and facilitate breed seminars, providing others with the tools necessary to present seminars themselves so we can have a wider reach among our organization's membership and judges. I will continue to keep you all abreast of the latest discoveries in HCM research, the upcoming DNA test, as well as implementation and interpretation of said test. I will continue to assist in the mentorship program so we can expand the ranks of ethical, responsible Sphynx breeders in TICA. And I will continue to be steadfast in my resolution to ensure our breed is not recognized in combination with multiple other mutations. Respectfully, I choose to refrain from condoning the novelty mixing of our breed with American Curls, Munchkins, Bob Tails, ad nauseam.

I have been dedicated to our breed for over 18 years, advocating for HCM research and awareness, promoting our breed's incredible disposition through my work in Animal Assisted Therapy, and helping new breeders by espousing reputable and ethical breeding practices and animal husbandry. I wish to serve my breed in every capacity available to me and I ask for your support and vote once again, in this election.

I would be happy to answer any questions regarding my platform, please feel free to email or call me directly with any questions that you may have.

With great appreciation,  
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