

My personal statement:

It has been a pleasure working with Alice & Nancy on the committee - they have been friendly, constructive and enthusiastic. Like myself, it is clear that they truly love the breed and I would be honoured to serve with them again.

When I volunteered for the breed committee, I did so to provide a European perspective and - more importantly - to ensure that the vision for the Thai breed that those who came before me worked so hard to achieve was not undermined or usurped by a "hostile" faction or special interest group.

That was the original challenge.

Now, nearly three years on, I believe the main challenge which faces our breed is to heal the schism that has developed within the group of individuals that helped develop our beautiful Thai breed.

To rebuild our community as - without it - we have nothing.

Yes, of course, we each have our own "foibles and flaws" and "politics and personalities" will ever be a challenge with any committed and passionate group of people. However - whether we care to admit it or not - we need each other. Every member of our community brings something unique and of value... there are simply not enough of us for the breed to continue if we remain divided.

We all have our strengths and weaknesses but, in my view, no one group or faction has what it takes to succeed without working with others.

As I see it, we have a stark choice: unite or watch this beautiful breed wither and die.

With that in mind, it's really good to see so many people standing for the committee and engaging with the breed again or for the first time. Welcome. That said, it is my hope that - whatever the outcome of the election - everyone standing will none-the-less commit to rediscovering the art of getting along with one another.

If elected, you can expect me to seek to make "common cause" across the whole community wherever possible; to work with others to help ensure the breed survives and thrives; to focus on what unites us, rather than what divides us.

Adrian Keeling-Look

Emrys Siamese

Committee statement:

Running for TICA Thai Committee:

Adrian Keeling-Look from the Europe West Region

Alice Billman from the Great Lakes Region

Nancy Day from the Southwest Region

A list of things we have done and hope to do in the future.

- Start a new forum. Some people just are not comfortable posting in the old one. We want a place where people can speak up, have a little fun and not fear what they say will be dumped upon by others.
 - Adrian has been working on this and it is ready to go. This is not a Yahoo, Google or Facebook group but something a bit more private.
 - List will be open to all TICA Thai breeders and exhibitors to discuss any issues related to the Thai cat.
 - We are going to allow the posting of litters and breeding programs so we can more readily help each other.
 - Support each other in discussions from health to shows to personal stories.
 - We will have a rule in place against personal attacks and the consequences should these occur. This will include but is not limited to speculation presented as fact.
- Adrian has also reserved a domain for the TICA Thais so we can have a place the internet for anyone looking for the old style Siamese. We want to tell others about our beautiful Thais and our hope for the future to preserve the native and natural cat from Thailand/Old Siam.
- Continue to respond to private messages and inquires about the Thai breed. We can be reached by email and all of the current Thai committee members have Skype.

◦ Any private issue which needs to be brought to the attention of the TICA Thai group will be done discreetly and with the permission of the people involved.

• Continue to monitor the agendas and meeting minutes of the TICA Board of Directors.

Ask questions of our regional directors, any director outside of our personal regions, any TICA officer and any member of the Rules or Genetics committees.

▪ Did read the standards presented for the Toybob and didn't see where Thai could be used as an outcross. We have had discussions with 2 directors and a genetic committee member all of whom indicated the Thai breeders do not need to be concerned with the Toybob.

• Observed the judges as they examine the Thai cats at shows. Listen to how they are describing our breed.

◦ Have private discussions with them after the show if it appears they have a misconception on a trait or the history or what is a Thai.

◦ The current committee members have been asked to present breed seminars in the upcoming year.

• Participated in Meet the Breeds in New York City in February 2017. The Thais were one of only 7 breeds with double size booths and the Thais had the most cats on display.

◦ Plan on attending more pet expos. Also Meet the Breeds if the AKC invites TICA again.