
Clint and I joined TICA in 1996. Our rescue organization, Abyssinian cattery, and awards are TICA centered. We are TICA Allbreed judges. I have been TICA's Humanitarian of the Year four times. After the 9/11 attack we took in over 100 animals that were displaced and rehomed them. As extradition officer for the State of Connecticut, and at DCF, I was open minded, fair and sometimes tough. As a retiree, I can dedicate myself full time to the region.

I am asking all members, whether actively showing or not, what is important to you. I want a true partnership, because with that, the possibilities are endless. I will give you transparency, honesty, fairness, communication and kindness. Being kind does not mean being weak.

My immediate goals would be:

A quarterly, detailed treasurer's report on the SE website so members are aware of monies coming in and out.

Minutes from every regional meeting posted on the website for members not actively showing, giving all the opportunity to voice opinions on pending matters.

An impartial mediation board to assist breeders in contract, pedigree and breeding disagreements.

An assistant RD, and an advisory board, with members from each state to assist in communications and bringing ideas and concerns to my attention.

You know me in the show halls as an exhibitor, friend, rescuer and judge. I'd like the opportunity for you to know me as your regional director.

Visions for the future

I believe in Transparency. The membership should always be aware of how financially solvent our region is and therefore would request from the Southeast Region's Treasurer, a full detailed quarterly accounting which will include all monies received and from where, and a detailed description of all expenditures. I will ask this report be published on our Southeast Website.

I believe in Fairness. The Regional Director does not have the power to tell breeders what they can and cannot do in their business. However, one of the description of an RD's position is to try to bring about solutions to problems that may arise between members. I will establish a panel of qualified mediators to listen to disputes between breeders and breeders, breeders and pet owners, etc. This panel will work to bring about fair and consistent decisions and compromise to any problems that may arise.

I believe in Listening to others. I would put together an advisory panel in which the entire membership can reach out to with their ideas, concerns and requests. The members of the panel would bring these communications to my attention to be discussed at regional meetings.

I believe in Communication. There will be an agenda at every regional meeting and minutes will be taken. I will then request they be put on the Southeast Regional website so that everyone can see what took place and I believe in Communication send in their thoughts and ideas.

I would be proud and humbled to be your Regional Director and represent your interests on the TICA Board.
