

Esteemed members of the Persian, Exotic and Himalayan Breed Group,

I can tell you with certainty that the happiest day of my life (to date) is the day I brought my first Exotic Shorthair home. From that day forward my life changed, and I became dedicated to this wonderful breed group that has brought so much joy to my life.

Over the years, my partner, Nick Lovell, and I have acquired many different breeds to show, but we always kept coming back to Exotics. Eventually, we were blessed with having inherited the breeding program of our dear friend and mentor, Linda Donley, and continue her work of 15-years in creating incredible companions.

In 2015, we established our cattery, *Valyria*, named after the most advanced civilization in George RR Martin's *Song of Ice and Fire* series, because we truly do believe that we work within the finest breed group in our incredible association. In May of 2017, we welcomed our first home-bred litter and are expecting our second shortly.

Although Nick and I have had successes in the show hall, that should not affect your vote on breed committee. If elected to this committee, I look forward to strengthening our breed group and making sure that these breeds that remain one of the most recognizable and iconic in the fancy.

However, this iconic status often opens up us to criticism from many sides. Through education and retaining our breed groups standard's focused on type AND health, we can help the public, our fellow breeders and cat fanciers see that when responsibly bred and cared for, Exotic Shorthairs, Persians and Himalayans can live long, happy and healthy lives.

Sincerely,

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