

## Savannah Breed Committee Candidate Statement – 2023

Brigitte Cowell Moyne

My name is Brigitte Cowell Moyne, and I am asking for your vote for the Savannah Breed Committee again this year. I have been a Savannah breed committee member ever since we advanced to Championship class in 2012, and before then I was an actively involved breed section member helping in the New Breed Program process. I have been a TICA member since 2002, and I was the first elected breed chair for the Savannah breed (2012).

We got our first Savannah in 2001 and were quickly obsessed. We continued learning and started to research our next Savannah. We were so enthusiastic we were persuaded to consider breeding and showing so in 2003 welcomed our first queen and later that year showed our first Savannah in the new Preliminary New Breed class.

I've always been active in our breed group, whether it was showing Savannahs and collecting data for our annual reports in the New Breed Program, showing Savannahs once we finally advanced to Championship, breeding F1 through F7 generations from A to SBT. I'm proud that my very first queen, an A-registered F2, was the greatgrandmother of my first SBT Savannah produced. There was a lot of learning along that way! Additionally, in 2003 I cofounded Savannah Cat Rescue, believing that good breeders should look after their breed. We work closely with breeders, we believe in giving breeders the opportunity to take their cats back to rehome themselves and we find that most breeders not only take responsibility for their own cats, but offer to transport or foster other Savannahs in need. I admin a number of Savannah groups on Facebook and Groups.io to continue to educate and advise new owners and those interested in learning more. To that end, although I am taking a break from breeding, I am one of the admins of our breed's mentoring group as I also believe that our breed is stronger if we all learn together.

In summary, I've been willing to get involved and do the work needing to be done for some years now and would love to continue that involvement for years to come. I think we need breed committee members that are readily available to the rest of the breed group, and that all breed section members deserve to be listened to whether breeder, exhibitor or pet owner.