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BREED COMMITTEE CANDIDATE

My name is Amanda Jimmink, I have owned and bred Ragdoll for over a decade. I breed and show blue eyed pointed Ragdolls and more recently showing Russian Blues as well. I have bred and shown multiple Regional Winners and an International Winner. I am currently working to complete my TICA Judging application, which I feel has offered me a very in-depth understanding of the rules and regulations the breed committee faces when trying to make any changes. I believe the Ragdoll's visually defining feature is their blue eyes and (cs/cs) pointed coloration.

PURRREALDOLLS – REGISTERED TICA BREEDER SINCE 2013

- 56 Ragdoll litters Registered since 2013
- 1 Ragdoll International Win 2021-2022
- 1 Russian Blue International Win 2022-2023 (opposite)
- 6 Regional Wins

HISTORY

- Active member of the TICA Northeast Region
- Show Manager of 4 TICA shows annually in conjunction with Pet Expos
- Attended and shown in over 40 shows since 2017
- Submitted notice of intent for application to TICA's Judging Program

Education & Events

- 12/2-4/2016 Attended Tucson Arizona Ragdolls Around the World
- 09/22-23/2018 Attended Kissimmee Florida Ragdolls Around the World
- Attended Ragdoll Breed Seminar by Lorraine Shelton March 5th, 2022
- Attended Color Genetics Seminar by Lorraine Shelton March 6th, 2023

GOALS

If I am entrusted to join the breed committee, I will preserve and protect the beauty, elegance, and uniqueness of the blue-eyed pointed Ragdoll. As part of the breed committee, I will dedicate time to finding a solution for the variants, that while traceable to the origin of the breed do not fit within the Ragdoll breed standard. I will also focus on educating breeders on the breed standard to create a more cohesive look amongst ragdolls and keep them easily identifiable.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Concerns I have heard of regarding a Breed Group

Potential Health Concerns –

The new breed within the breed group would not have any other allowable outcrosses except Ragdolls. There would be no introduction of any outside health concerns that do not already exist (known or unknown) within the current Ragdoll breed. The breed group will only create a separation of the cats that are already all currently registered as Ragdolls.

Identifying Outcrosses in Pedigrees –

As of current there are no identifying codes within the Ragdoll breed to indicate if there is a variant in the pedigree. As breeders it is our responsibility to be sure we know what is in the pedigrees behind our cats, this responsibility will not change. However, any cats in the breed group with an allowable outcross within 3 generations would have a SBV registration code making it easier for us to identify outcrosses if we don't not want to work with them.

Quality/Type Concerns –

It's been proven time and time again when a breed makes it to championship status the quality of the breed improves thus once variants have their own breed and can be shown in championship the quality within that breed will overall improve (which benefits ragdolls as it is an allowable outcross).

The current option is to have them continue to be identified as ragdolls but not seeing any improvement in type.

Protecting the Ragdoll Standard –

A breed group removes variants from being called Ragdolls and gives them their own Championship breed. This means there is no possibility in the future that the Ragdoll standard could be changed to include anything other than Blue Eyed Pointed

Accomplishing a Breed Group –

A "breed group" shall be defined as two or more breeds which share a common standard but differ from one another on the basis of a single defined genetic locus.

This will be a large undertaking and not accomplished with ease. A full formal written proposal needs to be submitted to the genetics and rules committees. Both committees will make comments. After that the proposal is submitted and presented to the BOD. The BOD will review all comments from genetics and rules committees as well as listen and ask questions about the proposal, the BOD votes on the proposal.

Most importantly please remember ALL the cats we are discussing have and continue to be registered as Ragdolls and variants can produce BEP that fit the ragdoll standard. Creating a new breed within a breed group does not introduce any new cats to the Ragdolls, it merely separates all these same cats by coat and eye color. My personal motive behind this is to preserve Ragdolls as BEP. To accomplish indefinitely this we need to find a place for the non-BEP to be able to show in Championship and for them to have the opportunity to improve the type.

There are poor examples of the ragdoll breed in every color, this is not exclusive to BEP or variants. BEP breeders have had the opportunity to show in Championship and improve for decades while the variants breeders have not had the same opportunity. This is why we need to see more education, more seminars, and more mentors to make a breed group strong!