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TICA Abyssinian Breed Committee Candidate

In 2020, Abyssinian committee members contacted me requesting that I run as candidate for the Aby breed committee. It was not the best time to announce a candidacy for the position.

During the last few years, I have been listening and talking with Aby breeders and TICA judges from around the world. I have heard the praises of TICA and the confusion of the Aby breed description in the Show Rules guide.

This year, committee members and respected Aby breeders approached me to again consider running in 2023 as a candidate for the Aby Breed Committee. This year I said, yes, I would be honored.

Committee members representing the West and East coasts in the US, Europe and South America offer important insights and discussions. A well-balanced team from around the world means great ideas and achievable goals.

GOALS:

The first goal is to collaborate with committee members and write a more detailed color description for the ruddy, cinnamon, blue and fawn ticked coat of the Abyssinian.

The second goal is to describe in more detail the visual characteristics of the body starting with profile, ears, and eyes. The Abyssinian body is strong, lithe, and graceful. It has planes, without roundness.

As always, I encourage new families and owners the joy of owning an Abyssinian. I will reach out to anyone that wishes to breed this beautiful cat to discuss their goals.

ABOUT YOUR CANDIDATE:

After watching local cat shows and talking with breeders in my Region, I decided the cat of my dreams would be the Abyssinian. My first Aby came to our home in Scottsdale, Arizona, in 2010, a beautiful ruddy female by the name of Big Spinder. Spinder was shown in CFA in the Kitten and Championship classes and in 2011 she earned her Grand and Regional awards. She received National recognition as Best Ruddy Abyssinian Cat for the 2010-2011 show season and the second-Best Abyssinian Cat in CFA that year.

Kelela Abyssinians has grown throughout the years. Kelela kittens have gone to new families from the East coast to the West coast in the United States and to France and Australia. I started showing cats in TICA in 2017. We have shown cats all over the US and in Mexico. We proudly talk about the TICA 2022 Cat of the Year, MoulinRouge Striptease, whose mother is a Kelela bred cat and the lovely Kelela cats that have received International, Regional and Supreme title awards. I have been an active member of show producing clubs over the years. In addition to showing cats, I have made presentations in TICA about show ring etiquette for new exhibitors and spectators.

SUMMATION:

I do not believe in the current trend of accumulating and breeding cats just to show and hearing that new owners can breed any male and female and earn “easy” money. This is not practical nor does not make for a healthy cattery and is not wise advice.

Breeding for health and stamina is my utmost priority and is stated clearly on my website. I study pedigrees and speak with breeders frequently. I want to be YOUR initiative-taking Aby breed representative in TICA.

Your vote is valuable. I ask that you vote for me and support me to represent you, the Aby lover, in TICA.