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NitroKatz Savannahs

Savannah Breed Committee Candidate Statement 2023



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I am proud to be a current member of the Savannah Breed Committee and would be honored to gain your vote to be re-elected for another term. When I first learned about Savannah cats, they were not legal to own in my state. Thanks to the hard work of the Savannah Breed Committee at that time, Savannahs were legalized in my state. Some of those same committee members are still currently serving on the committee due to their dedication to the breed and I am proud to now know them as good friends and mentors. Shortly after Savannahs were legalized here, I got my first two Savannah pets. We fell in love, and it wasn't long before we were slaves to our third! With three Savannahs in the house I was totally infatuated and wanted to share my love of these cats with everyone. I began breeding and showing Savannahs in 2015 under my cattery name NitroKatz Savannahs. We have always been, and will always be, a very small home-based cattery focused on quality instead of quantity. My cattery goal has been to produce the healthiest, typiest, and most spoiled Savannahs for their chosen families. And to individually match each kitten/cats purrsonality with their new furrever family and follow that with a lifetime of support and guidance. We have successfully achieved our goal with each of our litters.

I spend considerable time helping educate the public on this amazing breed in various media. I've been a moderator on our breed's largest online forum for many years, as well as moderate numerous Savannah groups on Facebook and volunteer on our breed specific rescue team. I have assisted to design and staff the Savannah Breed Booth in TICA Meet the Breed events, held in conjunction with the AKC Westminster Dog Show, an event that has attendance of over 50,000 people over the course of a weekend. I am extremely proud to represent our breed to the public any chance I get. I have traveled throughout the US to show my Savannahs, including areas where the majority of people at shows have never even heard of Savannahs let alone meet one in person before. I provide breed standard information including pictorial examples and allow public interaction with my show cats to help break the stereotype that our breed is "wild". I offer guidance on current breed legality in whatever area of the world that potential Savannah family may live. I was excited to publicly represent the Savannah breed again recently by co-hosting a Savannah Breed Display at a smaller version of Meet the Breeds held in conjunction with the 2023 Great American Cat Show in Chicago August 2023.

I have served on the Savannah Breed Committee during a term that our breed needed dedicated Breed Section committee members to advocate for the reversal of a standing rule change that would have been detrimental to the future of our breed. I would be absolutely thrilled to be considered to represent the Savannah Breed on our breed committee for the next term and beyond. If I am given the chance to continue serving on the committee my short-term goals include continuing to educate the public and judges about Savannah type & temperament and looking at the overall health of our emerging breed to ensure we are on an ideal trend. I am currently establishing a resource of readily available content for other Savannah breeders and pet owners to easily host their own breed displays.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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