

My name is Toni Jones and I am running for Siamese Breed Group Committee. I have served on the committee since I was appointed in 1995. I am **PASSIONATE** about the breeds that encompass this group! There is nothing more elegant than a Siamese or Oriental Shorthair walking across the room or the way a beautiful Balinese or Oriental Longhair holds its plumy tail... these cats are absolutely the most graceful creatures around...in my humble opinion.

I have been breeding since 1993 under the cattery name Hojpoj. I had my first International Winners in 1995 with 2 OS from the same litter. Since then I have bred numerous regional and international winning cats. I absolutely love this breed and nothing gives me more satisfaction than watching our breed group on the judges table or raising a litter of kittens and introducing people to these fabulous cats!

I am an approved AB judge/Ring and School Instructor. I currently serve on the TICA judges committee as the testing coordinator and on the TICA Rules committee. While I enjoy judging, I still love to show as much today as I did in the beginning. I enjoy the interaction with my fellow exhibitors and just being around all the different cats.

Health is the most important attribute in this breed group. We are working hard to produce lines that are free from amyloidosis and some other genetic diseases. I believe that we must be as honest as possible when it comes to our breeding cats and our pedigrees. Hiding behind false information will not help our breeds at all; only hurt them.

As a breed group we must work together to improve the health and longevity of our breeds. This includes outcrossing with non-permissible cats as well as sharing those lines that we know are healthy and long-lived.

Some things that I would like for us to do as a breed section is re-start our internet groups and begin communicating with one another about our cats and what is going on, without judgement. We can only work towards healthier cats if we are honest with each other.

I would like for us to have another fundraiser in the next year for amyloid research. Our last one was extremely successful and it's time for another one.

I would also like us to update our breed seminar with current pictures and terminology. We need to really present our breeds to the judges as much as possible and with online seminars now, we can really educate or re-educate our judges about our breed group.

I am asking for your continued support as a member of the breed committee. I promise to listen and help in any way I can.

Thank you!