

# SIERRA TIKTAS

## TICA Ragdoll Breed Committee Candidate



My name is Sierra Tiktas. I am a Ragdoll Breeder and an avid lover of the breed. You may know my husband, Okan Tiktas, but I have been working steadily behind the scenes learning and developing our lines to be wonderful blue eyed pointed cats that Ragdolls should be.

I fell in love with Ragdolls when I got my first Ragdoll who was named Curious. I had never seen a cat that was so loving and yet intelligent before and I was blown away. In every decision I make, I aim to make sure that not only our cats conform to the TICA breed standards, but also that we are producing kittens with that same heaven-sent sweetness that blows people who meet Ragdolls away.

Our cats hold various titles and awards, and we could not be prouder of them as their titles show the hard work, we put into making sure our cats are healthy, up to standards, and comfortable while being judged. Our top winners are Treasure, Jackie and Oh Pretty Woman.

I aim to join the Ragdoll Breed Committee due to my goal of furthering the Ragdoll breed and maintain the TICA Breed Standards to the highest degree to keep the breed as one that can be recognized as a stunning and sweet breed that we all fell in love with. I mentor others on why it is so important to keep Ragdolls a blue-eyed pointed breed and spread the word to my pet buyers on why this not only makes Ragdolls beautiful but makes sure they stand out in the crowds of cats that look the same and don't have any signature style that can be recognized. To keep the breed popular, we must make sure the families who bring home our Ragdolls can know how to identify breeders that are looking to better the breed and not dilute it with confusing patterns or colors.

## **What I would like to see in the future for the Ragdoll Breed:**

- Keep Ragdolls a Blue-Eyed Pointed Breed.
- Find a place for variant breeders so they don't use the Ragdoll name and people can understand what a Ragdoll is.
- More Mentorship between breeders especially with new breeders so we can educate them before kittens are produced.
- New understandable breed seminars for judges/ breeders and potential pet buyers on why the Ragdoll breed is so special and how to choose a quality kitten.

I know I have not been on the Ragdoll Breed Committee yet, but I aim to be a breath of fresh air and to learn from those who have been on the committee before so we can work together in unison. If we can work together, we can make sure Ragdolls stay at the forefront of everyone's minds and that when people picture a Ragdoll, they know exactly what they are getting, looks and personality wise!

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