

Hi, my name is Alessio Pasquini of Nudelook Sphynx and I reside in Pisa, Italy.

I am one of the founders and the president of the TICA Italian Club (TICat) and an active regional member of TICA Europe South. As TICat, we met all of the goals we set for 2016/2017/2018 with the highest number of shows organized, as well the highest cat/exhibitor counts in Southern Europe. I organized two TICA REGIONAL ES shows in Italy.

My job has been to introduce TICA to Italy and to recruit and educate breeders to feline husbandry practices, not to mention, getting breeders to show their cats along TICA guidelines and have a great time getting to know each other at shows.

The Magical Sphynx

I was owned by my first Sphynx in 2005.

These magnificent creatures instantly mesmerized me and changed my life forever. I was going through some personal challenges at the time and my sphynx always greeted me at the door when I came home. My cats are my life and we grow and improve together.

I later began to research their history and origin and could not seem to get information fast enough! I had the opportunity to meet some other sphynx owners along the way and realized they were a close community.

A beautiful Sphynx is not enough for me, Sphynx also need a healthy future. I started researching the older lines of Sphynx and there I saw the magic...the miracle of the beauty of the past that can blend with the knowledge of the present, for a better and healthier future.

Thanks to this research, I had the honor to learn about great breeders who had started work to improve this breed many years ago. These breeders were always available, ready and open for me to share my thoughts with them. Thus my breeding program began in earnest and I was hooked. I then began showing Sphynx and through meeting other breeders, was able to see the results they were achieving in their individual breeding programs. The rest is history and I can truly say I have enjoyed every step.

Nothing makes me happier than my cats and giving them the respect that I promised to them and myself when I began my breeding program. However, what is happening to our planet and our community because of COVID-19 has

given me the time to reflect on the fact that every cat around the world needs a little effort from us to make their life a little better.

I have helped care for several unfortunate cats during the lockdown, and during this war in Ukraine, taking all necessary precautions to not harm my cats. Although these are small contributions in comparison to how much help these cats need, I know that every little bit of help gives a little hope.

I am also repaying the favor to those who have helped me on my journey by being open and available to helping others when they ask for it. I do this from my heart.

Who I Am

I am currently on the Sphynx Breed Committee to gather and share information about the breed. Our goal is to educate other breeders and enthusiasts while striving to increase awareness about the challenges facing the Sphynx. In March 2017, in February 2020 and in October 2022 I organized a Sphynx Breed Congress here in Italy, as I promised during my current term. I also attended the Sphynx Breed booth in the TICA Annual in Las Vegas.

I am the administrator of the Progressive Sphynx Alliance Facebook Group and TICA Sphynx Breed discussion group, which was created to be a global collaborative community where we share information about Sphynx, TICA shows, standard, health and ethic. I am also an admin of the TICA ITALIA Facebook Page, always ready and humble to improve our knowledge about the breed.

I and my cats have always and will continue to contribute to increasing information in HCM databases about Sphynx.

I created the Sphynx HCM DNA test information for TICA breed section to be useful to everyone.

I created a way for every breeder to get a glimpse into what percentage of cats were testing positive, etc. We created a form to allow for the anonymous reporting of DNA HCM ALMS1 gene test results from each of Sphynx cat and a subsequent chart to view the data. At moment we have 1107 results, thanks to the help of many TICA Sphynx breeders around the world. This charted was useful also to DR. Meurs in USA and Dr. Abitbol in France, to have more data about this gene.

We believe in the transparency of data sharing so that the path of other breeders will be less difficult.

I have been humble and readily available to all breeders who have asked for my opinion and support because I believe that good communication between breeders is important; we are here to grow together. I am asking you to allow me to continue this work by being your representative in the Sphynx Breed Committee again.

What I Will Do

In my role as Sphynx Breed Committee member, I will work closely with the Sphynx Breed Section to always share up-to-date information with all breeders. I will continue to be an active member and keep you all informed about what the committee is considering.

I will continue to organize TICA shows in Italy and to help other breeders discover the world of TICA. I will organize more Sphynx Breed Congresses in Europe. The next Congress will be at the next TICA show in Italy with a phenomenal Sphynx Breed Presentation in two languages.

I will organize donation drives during some of our shows to assist with HCM research in the USA and Europe.

I will represent the Sphynx Breed at shows here in Europe and provide regular breed presentations for our judges to continue their educational requirements.

I will be present in other Sphynx Breed Congresses organized around the world to share in the camaraderie of these great events and assist in any way that I can.

I will continue to help other breeders in an open and transparent way because my goal is for us to bring happier and healthier cats into the world!

This is not all about us as breeders and enthusiasts. Supporting and collaborating as a community benefits us, but most importantly, it benefits our cats. This is the main purpose for my candidacy as representative in our Sphynx Breed Committee.

Love is not about what you give or what you receive. It's about commitment, respect, honesty, promises kept, desire, and understanding . Love includes

all of these things together but is also about how you feel when you're with them.

If you feel good about you, everything else comes very naturally. You want to listen, improve, keep your promises and respect each other.

I will do this with your valuable input!

If you have any questions please contact me at ilgattoblu@hotmail.com.

Thank You for your time!

I hope that you will trust me with your vote and that we can grow together.

