



## **Roxann Stephens Vass**

*Creekcats Ragdolls*

Current TICA Ragdoll Breed Committee member

I would appreciate your vote for me to be a member of the **TICA Ragdoll Breed Committee.**

This election is probably the most important election we have ever had. As you can see, we are flooded with candidates for MINK, SOLID, BEW, SEPIA, and other variants they have been pushing to be Ragdolls and be shown as Ragdolls.

**I support ragdolls remaining a pointed, blue eyed, breed cs/cs.**

The strategy of the variant breeders is to flood the breed committee with variant breeders and at least some of them will get elected! If you have any confusion about where any candidate stands on this issue – please ask, or just don't vote for them.

Ragdolls look like Ragdolls. If minks and sepias etc., are allowed to be Ragdolls – not only will you not be able to tell a Ragdoll from a stray but the breed will be introduced to a number of health concerns that we currently do not have. We have almost eliminated HCM from our breed because we have only one HCM gene and it has been identified. Ragdolls are a healthy breed and we do not want to lose that.

**I against allowing any outcrosses in the Ragdoll breed.**

The outcross rule is currently that any cat can be breed to a SBT cat and in 3 generations it becomes a SBT. I would like this rule changed for Ragdolls. Ragdolls are a huge breed, with a huge gene pool, and the need for outcrosses, even to ½ Ragdolls as in minks and sepias, is not necessary. We have all the allowed colors and we have lynx – so there is no need for outcrosses. I understand that getting these changes will be uphill battle but let's keep trying.

Of course, I will work toward any other issues and concerns and continue to strive to update the standard and presentation to accurately describe the Ragdoll, as well as emphasizing areas that may need attention.

I love our breed. We have beautiful, sweet, healthy cats that everyone loves!!!  
Please vote for me and the other supporters of Pointed, Blue-eyed, CS/CS Ragdoll.