

Dear Fellow Ragdoll Breeders,

Being the Member of the Ragdoll Breed Committee was such an honor, so first and foremost I would like to tell you how grateful I am that I had the opportunity to serve as a member of our breed committee.

I am breeding Ragdolls since 2011, and I am dedicated to breeding and showing my cats, but here I would like to write not about myself, but about our breed. Every election it is more and more important to choose committee members who are committed to save our precious breed.

We need to focus on three main problems:

1. Keep our breed basically what it is: ***a blue-eyed pointed cat!*** I guess most of you have already met interests about 'rare' mink, solid Ragdolls, most of you got into an argument about it 😊 but maybe many of you now have also met minks or solids in show halls, because sadly that had started to happen. We have to first start to work on changing the rule stating they could come in the same time in the judging ring as championship Ragdolls, because nowadays shows are recorded on videos, photos and this way it looks like they are being judged together, and not last to mention the shows have visitors who might come to see the Ragdoll breed and it gives them the false image of minks and solids being part of the group of championship Ragdolls.

2. ***We have to keep the look of our breed.*** We all see more and more Ragdolls resembling to British Longhair, getting shorter and broader muzzles, smaller and smaller ears, round eyes, short cobby body. But it is very interesting we don't often meet them in the show hall – or at least more moderate ones – but we are meeting them in the social media every single day, and they have a huge fan club. Our breed committee did the first very important step with changing the breed standard.

3. ***Help preventing our breed from scammers.*** As our breed is getting more and more popular, we can experience more and more scammers finding their way to damage people. We need to have a list of TICA registered Ragdoll breeders available online for the public. At the moment only those catteries are listed on the website that are paying for their visibility.

As the Ragdoll Breed Standard has changed, it is time to add changes to the breed seminar. I think it is very important to find a good variety of cats and photos to use for the seminar, and NOT only use the photos of one breeder/line only.

Many breeds added drawings to their breed standard. I think we also have to start working on it.

I believe our committee must be democratic, ready to compromise for the greater good and not simply be ruled by anyone.

You can all contact me via email (jjucus@gmail.com), Facebook and Instagram (mirumkitty). I would love to talk to you and answer your questions if you would like to get to know me better.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Kind regards,

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