



## **Nicki Fenwick-Raven Amisti Kurilian Bobtails**

### **Candidate Statement For The TICA Kurilian Bobtail Breed Committee 2020**

My name is Nicki Fenwick-Raven, I am currently an Approved Speciality Judge with TICA and I live in Essex, in the UK. I have been owned by Kurilian Bobtail since 2011 when I first saw them in Russia whilst attending a cat show.

I continue to learn from my breed friends about the ways of this fabulous breed and I firmly believe that there is always a place in life for education, no matter how long you have been breeding or showing.

I have written many Kurilian Bobtail breed articles for publications in the UK, Europe and Australia as well as several for TICA including for its annual Yearbook and its great to have feedback from new breeders or owners of this truly interesting breed.

My breeding program is about type and temperament, quality not quantity: I am constantly trying to improve my lines by researching pedigrees and matching the right cats to each other. It's important to encourage genetic diversity in any breed and working with other breeders across the World helps me to do that. It's particularly important to maintain diversity in a rare breed.

The health and wellbeing of the kittens I bring into the World is a primary issue and I spend a lot of time homing to the best possible homes - I hope that in the future my cattery name Amisti will be remembered not only for the legacy of its show cats but also as a quality benchmark for selective, careful breeding.

I have been fortunate in achieving the first TICA IW Kurilian Bobtail and count 3 Lifetime Achievers, 13 International Winners and a World Winner in my Cattery.

My reasons for wishing to re-stand on the Kurilian Bobtail Breed Committee: To continue to improve my knowledge and understanding of the breed, to continue to work with other breeders in the USA and Europe to promote this new breed outside of its native Russia and to involve and encourage new breeders and show people into the "Kurilian" World.

To ensure the stability, health and standard of the breed through discussion, continuous education, support and genetic diversity. Achievable by working with other like-minded individuals across the World who are interested in securing the best future for the Kurilian Bobtail in TICA.

Thank you for taking the time to read my candidate statement.

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