

Ralph Stadter –

Candidate for TICA Vice President

Dear TICA Family,

My name is Ralph Stadter. I have served as your Vice President for the past 2 years.

In my non-cat life I am an experienced Software Architect for an industry leader in business software (SAP). Over the last 2 years I have taken an active role in helping our president, Vickie Fisher, enact major changes that have set us on a very promising course for the future of TICA's business services. I would appreciate your vote to allow me to continue making a contribution to moving our online services forward.

Over the next 8-10 months TICA will seek to transform its service delivery. The goal is to make it easy to request and pay for services with an end-to-end experience that is cutting edge. We need to be able to deliver nearly all our services instantly, without the current back and forth and waiting weeks for a simple request. I believe I can be a key contributor in moving our online services forward so that we can meet (and hopefully, ultimately exceed) our members' expectations.

With a new software architecture, I believe TICA will have the ability and agility to expand our current services to include new features. My goals are to make more and more features available, such as:

- Streamlined scoring and instant show reports. Scoring data should become available in a fraction of the time it currently takes us.
- Automation of membership renewals and club charters.
- Integration of genetic test results into our pedigrees.

I want to see TICA innovating new and exciting things!

I have been involved in TICA for more than 20 years as a breeder, club member, entry clerk, and show manager for TICACats in Germany, as well as a clerk and master clerk for many other clubs. I served on the TICA Board of Directors in 2005 & 2006, and then again continuously since 2009, first as Europe North Regional Director, and then as Vice President. I have experience and knowledge in just about all aspects of TICA and the issues that both TICA, the business, and TICA, the hobby, face and manage.

I am not a "politician". What you see is what you get. I do not play games or trade favors; I do not vote on matters when there is a potential conflict of interest. I believe that ethics are essential for any elected officer and take confidentiality very seriously. I make my decisions based on the information presented during our deliberations, plain and simple.

I am a hands-on kind of person; present me with a problem and I will do my best to help find a solution. I am a hard worker and I like helping people. I believe that the many people I have been able to help as both EN Regional Director and Vice President speak to that. I hope you will cast your vote in the upcoming election, and I hope that you will allow me to continue to represent you as your Vice President.

