

Hello Everyone,

My name is Claudia Shipton. I am asking for your support for a position on the Toyger breed committee. Our committee has been inactive for a long time, and I hope you will agree that we need an ACTIVE one!

I began my Toyger cattery about eight years ago. You can check out my website at [Jubalkatz.com](http://Jubalkatz.com).

When I took my first kitten to a TICA show, I was hooked! The fellow breeders, the atmosphere, adrenaline rush waiting for the judges' decisions, the people, all so very much fun! A few years later, after Teddy became a Supreme Grand Champion, and the number three Toyger internationally, it validated the work I had put into my breeding program. For some of you, this is no big deal because you have gone well beyond this; but it has only stirred my appetite to work for more Toyger champions in my cattery and help others achieve their goals. I can hardly wait for the COVID 19 to be over so that TICA shows can resume!

I have several reasons for wanting to be a part of the Toyger Breed Committee:

- First is education. So, if chosen, I want to make it easier for current and new Toyger breeders to have access to beneficial and accurate information about our incredible breed. I am grateful to work closely with many of you who help and encourage me when I have difficulties or need answers to questions, like we all do at times.
- Secondly, through knowledge and mentoring, I hope that all Toyger breeders will continue to improve our "TIGER" look without compromising their dynamic personalities or passing on undesirable genetic traits. We have many advances available that will significantly help our endeavors, and we have our TICA breed standards to help guide us as we continue the development of our unique breed.
- We Toyger breeders are few in number. This means our bloodlines are not as diverse as we would like, which puts our Toygers at risk for problems that can be potentially disastrous. Not enough people are aware of these incredible kitties. So, getting more people informed is high on my list of goals.
- I wish to encourage more breeders and pet owners to get involved in showing our kitties. Often the shows I attend have only *my* Toygers competing. The majority of our TICA judges are excited to see our gorgeous cats. And we also need our lovely pet kittens in the Alter classes!
- Because I take as much advantage as I can of TICA's educational opportunities and other venues through cat show expositions and on-line presentations, I hope to keep everyone informed of these opportunities when they become available. They have improved my knowledge base tremendously and perhaps will help yours also.
- If elected, I will work to improve the communication between us, listen to your concerns, share your knowledge, and continue to promote our gorgeous Toygers to the many people who, as yet, do not even know they exist!

I appreciate your time and seek your vote for our breed committee. My email is [Jubalkatz@gmail.com](mailto:Jubalkatz@gmail.com).