

Mistelle Stevenson – Candidate for Regional Director, South Central Region



Hello fellow cat lovers!

My name is Mistelle Stevenson, and I am honored to announce my candidacy for the position of Regional Director for the South Central Region. My love for cats has been a lifelong passion, and I still vividly recall my first show at The Turkish Van Cat Connection in Waxahachie. The moment I walked into that show hall, I was captivated—not only by the beautiful cats but also by the incredible community surrounding them. I felt an instant connection with everyone there, realizing that I had discovered a circle of people who shared my love for these magnificent animals. It was, without a doubt, one of the best decisions I have ever made.

As your Regional Director, I understand that this role is member-driven. My primary responsibility will be to listen to the concerns of our members and advocate for our collective interests. I am committed to supporting efforts to educate new exhibitors about the future role of TICA, reinforcing that our mission extends far beyond just winning titles. It's about building lasting friendships and fostering a supportive community—where we lift each other up in times of need, celebrate our achievements, and share our love for cats.

The rich tapestry of our members, representing every community and profession, is what makes TICA truly special. Each member plays a vital role in our community, contributing their unique perspectives and experiences to create an environment that nurtures our shared passion for cats. I aspire to be a catalyst in bringing our members together, reflecting this diversity and highlighting the importance of each individual as we move forward in our hobby. Together, we can strengthen our bonds and ensure that every voice is heard, making our community even more vibrant and inclusive.

With more than ten years of experience as the Junior Liaison for the TICA South Central Region, I have witnessed firsthand the growth and development of our junior members. My role has allowed me to foster engagement and enthusiasm for the cat community among young exhibitors, ensuring that our future is in capable hands. Additionally, I serve as the President of the Generations Cat Club, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Texas, where I work diligently to promote cat welfare and responsible breeding practices.

I have experienced both heartbreak and healing through this journey, and I wouldn't trade it for anything. There have been moments when I was able to help someone save their beloved cat; equally, I have been fortunate to receive support when I needed it most. This is what showing is truly about: friendship, camaraderie, and fun.

With a background as a Registered Nurse at a Level One Trauma Center and extensive experience in various medical fields, I bring a unique perspective to this position. I am on the path to achieving my dream of becoming a judge, and I am passionate about protecting our beloved fancy. I am dedicated to being a voice for my fellow cat enthusiasts in this region. Together, we can ensure that TICA continues to thrive and that our community remains strong.

Join me as we embrace the spirit of "It's All About the Cats" and work together to create a brighter future for our feline friends and the people who love them!

Thank you for your support!