



The International Cat Association (TICA) A Global Leader in the Cat Fancy

[TICA](#) is the world's largest genetic registry of pedigreed cats, and the world's largest registry of household pets. TICA is also the only registry in the cat fancy and dog fancy that continues to have steady growth in our number of registrations around the world, and we continue to grow in the number of members, clients and catteries on every continent. We recognize more new breeds than other cat fancy Association, and our household pets compete for the same titles and awards as pedigreed cats. TICA also ensures the future of the cat fancy through our [Junior Exhibitors Program](#) and [Mentoring Program](#) by pairing experienced TICA Members/Breeders to mentor new exhibitors and breeders.

The strength of TICA lies in its members. Breeders, exhibitors, and cat lovers are invited to join TICA and participate in the most progressive registry in the world. Our members are entitled to vote on all issues which shape the Association. Clubs do not vote in TICA. Members are also entitled to belong to breed sections of their choice and may be eligible to be an elected officer. To learn more about TICA, download a copy of our [Visitor Guide](#) or [visit](#) one of our upcoming shows near you.

TICA's Mission

- To encourage our members to be caring, knowledgeable owners and breeders of cats; and to work together to promote the preservation of pedigreed cats plus the health and welfare of all domestic cats.
- To have the most accurate and comprehensive certified pedigree registry in the world.
- To provide licensed cat shows which promote both pedigreed and non-pedigreed cats in a professional manner, and which are both enjoyable and educational for exhibitors, judges, and the visiting public.

- To encourage our members to take an active role in the community, to foster knowledgeable voluntary spay/neuter awareness through public education, to become active in voluntary service at local animal shelters or outreach programs for schools and/or senior or disabled citizens, and to become involved in citizen advisory groups to foster knowledgeable legislation regarding the health and welfare of cats.
- To promote friendly relations between cat lovers and breeders in this country and other countries around the world.
- To disseminate science-based information to cat lovers, breeders, owners, exhibitors, and the general public concerning breeding, exhibition, improvement of breeds, the care and welfare of all cats; and to provide materials and information regarding feline issues of regional or national importance.
- To support EveryCat Feline Foundation, a Winn Legacy foundation to encourage research on feline health issues, and to provide readily available lists of resource materials on health issues to the cat lovers community worldwide.

TICA's Objectives

- The registration of the pedigrees of all breeds of felines and catteries who adhere to TICA's specific criteria.
- The promulgation of rules governing the management of the Association and cat shows licensed by the Association;
- The licensing of cat shows held under the auspices of the Association.
- The establishment of comprehensive Standards for all breeds of domesticated cats.
- The honoring of outstanding felines, their owners and breeders for their accomplishments.
- The dissemination of valuable information to promote the knowledge and interest of cat owner's community, breeders; exhibitors, and the general public concerning the breeding, exhibition and improvement of breeds, and the care and welfare of all cats; and,
- The promotion of science-based studies, educational and friendly relations between cat owners in this country and all other countries of the world.