

Sharon Roy

Candidate for North Atlantic Regional Director

After over 40 years of involvement in CFA, as a breeder, exhibitor, judge, Board member, and CFA Ombudsman, I am once again asking for the opportunity to represent our region on the CFA Board.

While my years as a breeder, exhibitor, judge, and Board member give me the experience and qualifications to serve as your RD, at this point in time our region needs even more.

As RD, I bring to the table a heightened degree of understanding and perspective that can help people let go of past differences. I have demonstrated that I have the vision and warmth to inspire cooperation and a more inclusive atmosphere throughout the region.



Photo by Carolyn Jimenez

I know how team work and perserverance can overcome obstacles

My beginnings in CFA were focused on the acceptance of what was then a new breed, the Tonkinese. Working to make this happen was difficult and often discouraging, since at the time, many in authority were determined to hold our breed back. It did take years, but we achieved championship status and have seen our breed grow into one of the most popular in CFA. The keys to this success? Teamwork, dedication and a fair amount of compromise!

I can draw many similarities from that small fight to the larger ones we face today in our region and in CFA. Not all of the original Tonkinese breeders were the best of friends, but we all believed in the same cause. That dedication helped us move past our differences and reach our goal.

The importance of teamwork and cooperation do not negate the need for strong leadership. I look forward to working with a CFA Board that is not afraid to take daring steps for the good of the organization. I believe I have the diligence to hold on to what needs to be done on behalf of CFA, and that I also have the flexibility to be open to positive change.

I know how much more people can do when they feel appreciated and valued

As your Regional Director, I have always been open to ideas and suggestions from both clubs and individuals and promise to consider them with an open mind. Though our region is extensive, I maintain a focus on the needs of each area while working to foster a stronger sense of community and connection throughout the whole region. I believe that if we can do a better job of listening to each other, learn how to give up a bit to achieve larger gains, we can make CFA an inclusive global community where people feel they and their cats will be treated with respect.

Your questions and comments are welcome!

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