

# Pauli Huhtaniemi

## Candidate for CFA Director at Large

I chose CFA to be my organization over 15 years ago. Professional judges, well run entertaining shows and friendly exhibitors impressed me, so I made the transfer from another organization to CFA! To date, I have organized over 50 CFA shows and a few regional awards banquets. I have been show secretary for over 60 shows. I clerk and master clerk, explain CFA rules and help new exhibitors count grand points. I have helped get hundreds of cats transferred into CFA. I was elected as the very first regional director for Region 9. I have never regretted my decision to promote and to work for the CFA.

CFA is the brand that we, as breeders, exhibitors and club members, want to support. CFA is the organization we love, but lately it seems CFA has forgotten a major component: Clubs and clubs' wishes. Clubs are the real face of the CFA and that's what connects us all. In expanding our CFA family globally we cannot forget to support our current clubs to ensure our future for the next 100 years.

We need to support our judges and trainees to make sure our judges continue to be regarded as some of the most professional in the world. Breed standard knowledge, handling skills and an eye for beauty should be recognized (if not prioritized) over long breeding history or showing different breeds when applying into judging program.

The Clerking program should be modernized. It needs to be more attractive to new clerks and our clerks should be proud to be licensed CFA clerks.

New clubs need to be educated about CFA's values and standards, but above all we cannot add any new costs to show-producing clubs. In general we need to streamline, support and bring fun back into our hobby. We all want more smiling faces in our show halls.

### What Can I Bring to the CFA Board's Table?

Common sense and international view. I know and understand the CFA Bylaws and rules. I know how CFA operates. I want to do what is the best for CFA and all its members. I am independent but capable of working with everyone. I have my own opinion but still know how to listen and welcome different views. I am a quick learner. I am European but I understand American culture and this will benefit me when thinking about our association worldwide. As a Director at Large, my voice would be your voice! My voice would bring the voice of exhibitors, breeders, and show producers to the CFA Board room.

### I appreciate your support!

Please contact me anytime! I can be reached by email at pauli.huhtaniemi@gmail.com or Facebook [Pauli Huhtaniemi].



### CFA Experience

Exhibitor since 2006.

Breeder, Persians & Exotics since 2008.

Show producer since 2008.

Clerk since 2010 & Master Clerk since 2017.

Persian breed council member since 2013.

Region 9 - Europe Regional Director 2012-2014.

Protest Committee, European liaison since 2015.

### Professional Career

Bachelor of culture and arts, specialized to non-linear editing & cinematography 1996.

The Finnish Broadcasting Company, editor since 1995.

**WE KNOW CATS LOVE BOXES**

**BUT IT IS TIME TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX.**