

Elaine Magee for Maine Coon Cat Breed Council Secretary

I purchased my first Maine Coon Cat, Azure Sky, a blue and white bi-color, in 1991. He was the smartest, most affectionate cat I had ever owned. From that moment on, I was hooked on the Maine Coon Cat. I registered my first cattery in 1991. I had a few cattery names before I settled on Coonalley in 1993. I attended the Garden State Cat Club Show in Somerset NJ with a full 450 count as a first-time exhibitor. That was the beginning of an exciting adventure that has been an important part of my life ever since. I've shown a few other breeds over the years but have never lost my love for the Maine Coon Cat.

My first Grand Champion Maine Coon Cat for Coonalley came in 1994 and since then I've titled over a hundred cats of various breeds. I'm proud to be very close to Tier 5 for Cattery of Distinction with almost 100 Coonalley Maine Coon grands.



Along with breeding and exhibiting, I participated with my cats in a study at Tufts University in Boston, Massachusetts for HCM in Maine Coons. I have been a member of various clubs including being the vendor coordinator for Garden State and Madison Square Garden. While a member of Maine Coon Cat Club I assisted in putting on several CFA regionals and the annual awards banquet in Atlantic City, NJ.

I have been a member of the CFA MCC breed council for many years, and I'd like to see us grow as a group by fostering communication via in person meetings at shows as well as zoom and facebook groups. I want to see our web page updated, including lists of all our MCC winners over the years. We can encourage membership and inclusion through creating committees for awards, presentations, fundraising, newbie help in grooming and exhibiting. I don't see Breed Council Secretary as a one person job, because we all should have a say in how our breed is represented in CFA. We have many talented individuals in our breed council, and we can bring back yearly awards and booklets for top Maine Coons of the season and truly celebrate our wonderful cats.

My belief is the breed council secretary is a position to protect and promote the breed, through inclusion of all members old and new and be open to all ideas. It would be my honor to represent you as Breed Council Secretary.