

Josie Hughes – re-standing for the Show Commission

I've have had cats pretty much all my life, firstly household pets, then Maine coons from 2006. I've been showing with FB since 2007, and started breeding Maine Coons with FIFe under my own prefix Lisieux in 2010.

I joined the Aristocats Committee in 2009, and then the Show Commission in 2010 and became Chair in 2011 in time to run the 2011 Winners Show. I took a break from the Show Commission when work became really busy, but joined again a few years ago.

I started stewarding in 2009, and show managing in 2011, and became 'voice of best in show' at about the same time.

In my 'other life' I'm an Senior Administration Manager for the Faculty of Wellbeing, Education and Language Studies at the Open University, looking after the nursing programme. I did my MBA at the OU about 17 years ago.

I have two dogs –Dief & Woody the Tamaskans, plus about 14ish cats, all Maine Coons. I'm also a Pets as Therapy volunteer, taking one of the cats into two of the CAMHS wards in one of the local hospitals, and one of the dogs into Northampton General Hospital.

I'm passionate about showing, particularly with FB and FIFe, and really believe that the FIFe style of showing is the best! We've seen FB grow over the last few years and I really hope to be part of the team that continues to bring cat showing to more and more people.