

Candidate for Secretary of the Collie Club of America Candace Hunter

My name is Candace Hunter and I am asking for your support in filling the role of Secretary for the Collie Club of America.

Professionally I am a Background Compliance Supervisor for a national staffing company. My position is focused on adhering to legal compliance guidelines, maintaining confidentiality, and balancing public, customer, and company risk and liability. I hold a Bachelors in Human Resources and I feel my degree and my field of work benefit me in having a measured awareness of the challenges of working in diverse organizations. I work remotely 100% and I am comfortable with the technology and systems that entails. I also understand and promote the importance of confidentiality in a professional setting.

I have been a Collie breeder and fancier as Tercan Collies for over 35 years and a CCA member for 32 years. I am also a Collie Health Foundation member and an AKC Breeder of Merit. I first helped serve the CCA by designing yearbook ads from 2000 to 2006 and I took on the role of the yearbook editor in 2004 and 2005. Currently I am serving as a CC of A Shining Star committee member.

Locally I have joint membership with the Collie Club of Washington and the Overlake Collie Club. I have served several terms as President for the Overlake Collie Club, been involved with trophy and related show committee positions, and I am currently a board member. I have been active with both clubs for over 20 years.

My hobbies all seem to rotate around dogs. I am a photographer, ad designer, and I am a mixed media artist with Collies as the primary subject.

I am very fortunate to work with my best friend with whom I share two Collie Club of America Smooth Breeder of the Year awards. Together with a supportive dog show family, we have bred and shown multiple dogs to Breed, All Breed, and Hawkins rankings. I have bred/owned/co-owned 39 Collie Champions and multiple performance titled dogs. We have also been lucky to be in a position to share this wonderful breed with families across the country while doing our best to give them a healthy, happy, and typey Collie.

I believe that to preserve the Breed, we must also support, educate, and encourage our members. We have the opportunity to draw from science, social media, history and perspective to craft the path forward to preserve Breed type and enhance overall health and temperament to share with future generations.

As a CCA member for over 30 years, I have the benefit of seeing the club in good times and bad. I have offered my skills in roles I felt would serve the members and the Breed. My education and experience in Human Resources and Compliance provides additional skills that I feel will contribute to the role of Secretary. As society changes (and the role of the purebred dog changes) my goal is to help others who want to preserve and protect the breed to do so as effectively as possible while being inclusive and supportive of membership. An Officer of the club holds the trust of the membership and peers in doing what is best for the Collie breed. I have always been an advocate for the whole Collie in all venues. I support taking advantage of the benefits that science has to offer breeders. At the end of the day, I strive to make the best decisions I can for the benefit of the breed's future and I will continue to do so if elected as Secretary.