

NSW Cat Fanciers' Association Inc.

(Member of the Co-ordinating Cat Council of Australia)

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BREEDING INFORMATION BROCHURE

Welcome to the exciting world of cat breeding. It is hoped these notes will be of some assistance to you.

1. Breeders Prefix

Prior to breeding your first litter you will need to complete an application for a breeders prefix. This prefix is the signature which identifies all kittens you breed. Four names must be submitted in order of preference. The prefix cannot exceed 12 letters and must not contain any dashes, digits or roman numerals. The prefix applied for is checked by the NSW CFA Office against the Central Prefix Register (a register of all known CCCA and ACF allocated prefixes) to ensure there will be no duplications or similarities to existing registered prefixes.

2. Eligibility to Register Kittens

In NSW CFA only the registered owner/lessee of a queen is eligible to register kittens from the queen provided that:

- The owner/lessee is a current financial member of NSW CFA Inc. and holds a current breeding prefix (Cattery Prefix).
- The mating is to a stud which is registered with NSW CFA Inc. or with another recognised governing body and would be eligible for registration with NSW CFA Inc. Please be aware that the Waratah National Cat Alliance Inc. is not recognised by NSW CFA Inc.
- The stud used is of the same breed or an approved intermating breed.

3. Non Recognised Breeds and Colours

Some breeds and colours are not recognised by NSW CFA. Please check BEFORE purchasing as these breeds or colours will not be registered in the NSW CFA Inc. Register.

4. Intermating with Other Breeds

It is not permitted to intentionally mate your queen or your stud to a cat of a different breed unless it is a permitted outcross or you hold an approved experimental licence. Such licences are granted only to experienced breeders who submit a feasible program to produce either a new breed or a new colour within a breed and only where such breed or colour is not available in Australia.

5. Genetic Faults

Cats which exhibit genetic faults must not be bred from. Cats which produce offspring which have recessive genetic faults must be desexed and all offspring from such cats must also be desexed.

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6. Litter Registration

A litter must be registered by registering at least one kitten from the litter within 6 months of birth. Subsequent kittens from a registered litter can be registered within 24 months of birth, and you do not need to individually register all kittens from a litter. You are advised never to transfer registration papers with a kitten sold as a PET until veterinary evidence of desexing is received as there is nothing you can do if the new registered owner then decides to register as a breeder and breed from that cat.

7. Kitten Registration

When registering kittens the full name, including prefix, cannot exceed 24 letters including spaces between words. Prefixes (as common names), inappropriate names, ordinal numbers and the word "of" are not permitted. If you register a kitten and it subsequently dies or is sold as a pet then notify the fact to NSW CFA Inc. and have the registration cancelled. Some breeders have many hundreds of cats registered in their names as they haven't cancelled registrations.

8. Kittens for Showing and Breeding

If you sell a kitten for showing and/or breeding you are responsible for the transfer of the registration and pedigree certificate. You must advise the purchaser that you are to forward the certificate, together with the transfer fee, to NSW CFA Inc., so that a transfer of ownership can then be recorded and a new certificate issued to the new owner which will register the kitten in their name with NSW CFA Inc. If the purchaser resides interstate then a second fee is required to register the kitten with the purchaser's registering body. If sold for showing as a desexed cat only, it is suggested that you draw up a contract which is signed by both parties and agrees that the kitten must be desexed by a stated age.

9. Stud Cats

It is recommended that you do not consider buying your own stud until you gain experience as a breeder and know what you are doing and what are the faults which can be corrected in your queens, nor should you sell a male kitten as a stud to a novice breeder. There are a lot of responsibilities and costs in owning a stud, they cannot be a house cat, and are very seldom able to be rehoused as a pet at a later date.

10. Stud Mating

If you own a stud cat you may not allow an unregistered queen or an unregistered breeder to use your stud. You must sight the registration papers of the queen and proof of current membership of a recognised governing body. You must notify the owner/lessee of the queen that there are dangers involved, ie. that the queen may injure herself, she may be injured when mating, she may be so opposed to the stud that she will try to tear her way out of her quarters and that you will take all care but will not be responsible for the loss of, or damage to, the queen. You must provide a service certificate but do not give it until the service fee is fully paid. It is suggested that before agreeing to take a queen for mating you and the owner of the queen both sign a stud service agreement. You cannot take away a person's right to sue you but a court case may go in your favour if you have a signed service agreement and acknowledgment of the dangers involved. The owner of the queen is obliged to tell you if the cat may be fractious. It is recommended that any advertisement of your stud includes the wording "restricted, available to approved queens only" so that you may refuse a queen. Insist that the queen has been inoculated for FIE and cat flu and that she has returned a negative testing for FIP, Calicivirus, Leukaemia and Feline AIDS. SIGHT ALL CERTIFICATES.

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11. Sale of Kittens

Kittens sold from your premises whether bred by you or not, must have had (at least) their first inoculation against FIE and cat flu (administered by a Veterinarian), be wormed, healthy, be a minimum of 10 weeks old and be microchipped. Purchasers must be provided with the inoculation certificate signed by the Veterinarian, care and feeding instructions, and a receipt which includes a description of the animal, the purpose for which it was bought and the price. It is suggested that you do not allow the kitten to go to the purchaser until the full purchase price has been received. You may consider using a *condition of sale* agreement which includes a desexing clause. Kittens may not be sold to pet shops or given as prizes. You have chosen to bring this animal into existence and therefore you must ensure that the new owners are suitable and responsible.

12. Ethical Behaviour

At all times you must behave in an ethical manner. Breeders can only exist with help from other breeders. Should you persist in unethical behaviour, your membership of NSW CFA Inc. will be reviewed.

13. Other Memberships

Membership of one of the NSW CFA. Affiliated Clubs is recommended. Attendance at their meetings is the best way to meet other breeders, to find out what to do and how to do it, what studs are available and how to cure that elusive veterinary condition.

14. Costs of being a Breeder

Cat Breeding is a hobby which partially pays for itself. It can be very costly if (when) something goes wrong and it is suggested that you have access to around \$1,000 for veterinary treatment. The more queens you have the more likely you are to have problems. Cat flu in one litter of kittens is heartbreaking, if you have two, three or four litters at once it can be a disaster.

15. Registration Certificates

Registration certificates remain the property of the issuing governing body. Should the kitten/ cat die, or be given away or sold as a pet you must return the registration certificate for cancellation.

16. Precautions

All cats resident on the premises should be tested clear of FIP, Calicivirus, FeLV and Feline AIDS. A breeding cat should not wander free, and a cat which has not been tested should not be brought onto the premises.

17. Membership of NSW CFA Inc. implies adherence to these rules and all other procedures of NSW CFA Inc.

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