

NSW Cat Fanciers' Association Inc.

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

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CODE OF ETHICS

FOR MEMBERS AND BREEDERS

Pursuant to Rule 91 of the constitution the Management Committee has approved a Code of Ethics as set out below, which replaces all previous versions, and takes effect from 13 May 2008.

Each member shall :-

1. Ensure that all cats and kittens in their care are hygienically housed, properly fed, watered, groomed and receive prompt veterinary attention when required.
2. Observe the Rules and Procedures of the NSW Cat Fanciers' Association Inc and in particular the procedures pertaining to the treatment and control of infectious disease.
3. Not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of a breed, nor falsely advertise nor mislead any person regarding the pedigree or performance of any cat or kitten.
4. Not allow any entire cats under the member's care to roam free, except under supervision, to prevent accidental matings.
5. Ensure that the Certificate of Registration is transferred to the new owner's name when a cat or kitten has been sold for showing or breeding.
6. Not mate or breed pedigreed cats unless the member becomes a breeder member by obtaining a Breeder's Prefix issued by the association. The breeder's prefix will be noted on the member's membership card.

Each Breeder member shall :-

1. Not mate a female under 10 months of age nor overbreed a queen, ensuring that she has not more than 2 litters each 12 months. It is recommended that a queen not have more than 3 litters in any 24 month period.
2. Ensure that a pedigreed cat is not mated to a pedigreed cat of another breed unless such mating is approved by the Association.
3. Not sell or transfer a kitten under the age of 10 weeks, and vaccination must be commenced at least 14 days before the date on which the new owner takes possession of the kitten. It is recommended that the first vaccination be administered by a qualified Veterinary Practitioner.
4. Ensure that before sale each kitten is fully weaned, healthy, vaccinated, microchipped and litter trained. Unless agreed otherwise by the breeder and purchaser, breeders shall accept reasonable financial responsibility for the health status of a kitten for 2 weeks after the date on which the new owner takes possession of the kitten.
5. Provide all purchasers of cats and kittens with written details of all dietary, grooming, worming, and vaccination requirements. The pedigree and vaccination certificate are the birthright of the cat or kitten and must be given to the new owner. Information to contact appropriate breed clubs should also be supplied.
6. Not sell cats or kittens to commercial cat wholesalers, nor to non PIAA accredited retail pet dealers, nor allow a cat or kitten to be given as a prize or donation to a contest of any kind.
7. Ensure, when selling or transferring a cat or kitten to another person for breeding or showing, that all documents required by the NSW Cat Fanciers' Association Procedures are provided to the purchaser or the transferee on completion of the sale.
8. Ensure, when selling or transferring a cat or kitten to another person for breeding, that the new owner is a member of a recognised controlling body and has, or intends to have, an approved breeder's prefix.
9. Breed cats for the purpose of improving the standard of the breed and not primarily for the pet market.