

NSW CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

Infectious Diseases Procedure

This Procedure was adopted by the Management Committee pursuant to rule 91 of the Constitution and Rules and takes effect on 1st January 2008

1 Infectious Diseases

The following infectious diseases are the subject of this by-law

- a) Mange (Notoedric and Otodectic)
- b) Ringworm
- c) Feline Infectious Anaemia (FIA)
- d) Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP)
- e) All types of Influenza (Rhino Tracheitis and Calici Virus) including nasal catarrh, ulcerative stomatitis and glossitis, acute conjunctivitis, pneumonitis and viral pneumonia.
- f) Feline Infectious Enteritis.
- g) Feline Leukaemia (FELV)
- h) Feline Aids
- i) Chlamydia
- j) Any other disease which a registered veterinary practitioner considers is of a potentially infectious nature.

2 Treatment of Disease

When any of the cats owned by a member are diagnosed by a registered veterinary practitioner to be suffering from an infectious disease the member shall take all steps recommended by that practitioner to treat and prevent the spread of the disease within and outside the member's cattery.

3 Quarantining of Catteries

Where pursuant to clause 2 a registered veterinary practitioner recommends that a cattery be quarantined then the member as the owner of the cattery shall notify the Management Committee to this effect.

The member shall further notify the committee when the quarantine is no longer required to be in place and the notification shall include a statement by a registered veterinary practitioner to that effect.

4 During the period of quarantine a member shall observe the recommendations of the veterinary practitioner with regard to that member's attendance at a recognised show or exhibition.

5 During the period of quarantine a member shall not permit any cat to enter or leave the quarantined cattery except for the purpose of attendance at a registered veterinary clinic or surgery.

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- 6 Where the Management Committee is satisfied upon the consideration of veterinary evidence and opinion that a cat may be or is suffering from an infectious disease the committee may require a member as the owner of the cat to show cause why the committee should not take action to prevent the spread of the disease in accordance with clause 7.
Where a member fails to respond to such a request within fourteen days the committee may act to prevent the spread of disease.
- 7 Pursuant to clause 6 the Management Committee shall have the power to take any or all of the following actions to prevent the spread of infectious disease
 - a) to require a member to obtain and act in accordance with the advice of a registered veterinary practitioner.
 - b) to require a member to permit entry onto the property owned or occupied by the member to a registered veterinary practitioner nominated by the committee for the purpose of investigating the existence of any infectious disease which the committee believes may exist on that property.
 - c) to require a member to restrict the contact between a cat that is or may be suffering from an infectious disease and other cats in such manner as the committee may determine on the basis of the advice of a registered veterinary practitioner.
 - d) to direct that a cattery be quarantined when a registered veterinary practitioner is of the opinion that there exists in that cattery a cat suffering from an infectious disease which should be quarantined.
- 8 Any costs arising from the investigation and control of an infectious disease in a member's cattery shall be borne by the member, except when pursuant to clause 7b) the registered veterinary practitioner nominated by the committee finds no evidence of an infectious disease.