



CODE OF ETHICS FOR BREEDERS / OWNERS

1. Cat breeders must ensure they comply with current Federal and State Government legislation and Local Government regulation applying to the responsible keeping, breeding, management and selling of cats as well as ensuring that GCCFSA's requirements are adhered to.*
2. Breeders breed with the intention of improving the standard of their chosen breed, and not for commercial purposes.
3. To register an entire cat or kitten, the applicant must have a GCCFSA registered prefix.
4. All applications for registration and transfer submitted to registrars must be complete with all colours and registration numbers for four (4) generations and be accompanied by the original or high-resolution scan (original to be sighted) of pedigree from an ACF recognised body. If queried by the registrar, the applicant must comply in a reasonable manner.
5. All litters of GCCFSA registered breeders MUST be registered with GCCFSA. All individual kittens MUST be registered with GCCFSA.
5.1. Dam MUST be registered with GCCFSA when registering a litter.
6. Transfer of a cat or kitten must be completed within three (3) months of gift or sale to a new owner and will include a GCCFSA Certificate of Registration and Pedigree. Sale must be conducted in line with new South Australian Legislation. This is the responsibility of the breeder.
7. Transfer may be made for 'Breeding' (entire) or 'Non-breeding' (desexed). Should a 'Non-breeding' cat be transferred undesexed and the cat produces kittens, none of its progeny can be registered as the cat is meant to be desexed. It is the responsibility of the breeder to explain to the new owner the meaning of 'Non-breeding' status.
8. Not knowingly sell or transfer from their care, any cat/kitten to commercial wholesalers, retail pet dealers, or directly or indirectly allow a cat/kitten to be given as a prize or donation in a contest of any kind.
9. No kitten should be sold at less than twelve (12) weeks of age.
10. Cats and kittens should be handled sufficiently to be well socialised.
11. The cat or kitten shall be in the best possible condition and health before it goes to a new home.
12. As far as possible it should be free from internal and external parasites.
13. The cat or kitten should be immunised against Feline Infectious Enteritis and Feline Respiratory Diseases – the final effective Feline Infectious Enteritis injection for a kitten being given at not less than twelve (12) weeks of age.
14. All breeding cats shall be tested for known heritable diseases.
15. Furnish the new owner with details of diet, and any information that will ensure the cat/kitten fits into its new environment with minimum stress.
16. Ensure that the purchaser of a stud male is made fully aware of the care, responsibility and the standard of facilities required to keep such a cat.
17. Do not permit a mating between registered and unregistered animals or between pedigreed breeds except as an allowable outcross as outlined in the Australian Cat Federation Book of Standards unless as part of a registered experimental breed program.

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