



The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of SA Inc

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APPLICATION FOR BREED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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SURNAME		GIVEN NAME	
ADDRESS			
PHONE		MOBILE	
EMAIL		WEB	
PREFIX 1		BREED/S	
PREFIX 2		BREED/S	
GCSA BREEDER NO		YEAR PREFIX GRANTED	
<i>Your breeding history</i>			
APPROX NO OF LITTERS REGISTERED WITH GCCFSA			
HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN A BREED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PREVIOUSLY?			
IF YES, WITH WHICH ORGANISATION? ATTACH PROOF			
DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE A BREED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM?			
IF YES, WITH WHAT BREED/S?			
IF YES, WITH WHICH ORGANISATION? ATTACH PROOF			
<i>Proposed breeding program - the following documents must be included</i>			
BREEDING PROGRAM APPLICATION	THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETE IN ITS ENTIRETY. PLEASE READ ALL NOTES BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION FORM.		
CERTIFIED PEDIGREES	INCLUDE PEDIGREES OF CATS INTENDED TO BE USED AS THE FOUNDATION CATS IN THIS PROGRAM		
PHOTOGRAPHS	INCLUDE PHOTOGRAPHS OF CATS INTENDED TO BE USED AS THE FOUNDATION CATS IN THIS PROGRAM		
NEW BREED	IF THIS PROGRAM IS TO DEVELOP A NEW BREED, INCLUDE AS MUCH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION AS POSSIBLE - SUCH AS ARTICLES, PHOTOGRAPHS, GENETIC INFORMATION, WEB LINKS, DRAFT STANDARD		
ANY OTHER INFORMATION	THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THIS APPLICATION		
TIMING	IF ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION HAS BEEN INCLUDED, PROPOSAL WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE NEXT GCCFSA MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION. ANY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH THE BDP REGISTRAR PRIOR TO SUBMISSION.		

<i>Application</i>
WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE PROGRAM? DESCRIBE BRIEFLY WHAT YOU ARE AIMING TO ACHIEVE
LIST THE PEDIGREE NAMES & BREEDS OF THE CATS INVOLVED IN THE INITIAL MATING(S). IF YOU ARE SEEKING APPROVAL FOR A PROGRAM BEFORE HAVING IDENTIFIED SPECIFIC CATS, PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT BREED(S) WILL BE INVOLVED AND WHAT CHARACTERISTICS YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IN THE FOUNDATION CATS FOR YOUR PROGRAM.
IN GENERAL TERMS HOW DO YOU INTEND TO PROGRESS THROUGH THE NEXT 3-4 GENERATIONS OF THE PROGRAM?
ARE THERE OTHER WAYS THIS PROGRAM COULD BE ACHIEVED? FOR EXAMPLE, IMPORTING NEW BLOODLINES? WHY HAVE YOU CHOSEN THIS AVENUE?
IF YOUR PROGRAM AIMS TO PRODUCE A TRAIT OR COLOUR THAT ALREADY EXISTS IN THE BREED OR AN INTERMATEABLE BREED, PLEASE STATE THE RATIONALE BEHIND THIS PARTICULAR APPLICATION.
IF YOUR PROGRAM AIMS TO RECREATE A PROGRAM WHICH HAS NOT BEEN CARRIED OUT IN AUSTRALIA, BUT HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT OVERSEAS, PLEASE GIVE DETAILS OF THE OVERSEAS PROGRAM AND EXPLAIN THE RATIONALE BEHIND ANY DIFFERENCES IN YOUR APPROACH.
ARE THERE ANY OTHER BREEDERS WORKING WITH YOU? PROVIDE DETAILS

ARE YOU AWARE OF OTHER BREEDERS IN AUSTRALIA WHO HAVE EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS WITH THE SAME GOALS? IF SO, WHO?		
DO YOU HAVE A MENTOR FOR THIS PROGRAM? IF YOU, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS. IF NOT, WOULD YOU LIKE GCCFSA TO SUGGEST ONE?		
ANY FURTHER COMMENTS		
DECLARATION		
I/WE AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC AND DECLARE THAT WE WILL AGREE TO CONTINUE BREEDING TO AT LEAST THE FOURTH (4 TH) GENERATION AND ALL KITTENS FROM THIS EXPERIMENTAL BREEDING PROGRAM, NOT REQUIRED BY ME/US WILL BE DESEXED UNLESS THEY ARE SOLD/LEASED/GIVEN TO ANOTHER BREEDER WITH A SIMILAR APPROVED, EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM.		
	I/we agree that if this cattery application is granted, I/we will abide by the GCCFSA Code of Ethics for Breeders & Owners.	
	I/we agree that I/we will comply with State legislation and Local Government regulations applying to the responsible keeping, breeding, management and selling of cats.	
	I/we agree that all litters will be registered with GCCFSA, & that all individual cats & kittens will be registered with GCCFSA.	
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT/S		DATE
<i>*If applicant is under 18 years of age, the application must be signed by the Parent or Guardian who accepts responsibility for any liabilities under this Prefix.</i>		

OFFICE USE	DATE RECEIVED	
COUNCIL APPROVAL	DATE OF MTG	
	DATE APPROVED	
	REGISTRAR	

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ACF Breeding and Registration Rules

www.acf.asn.au

Applicants should read The Australian Cat Federation (Inc.) "Breeding and Registration Rules" in conjunction with this document

GCCFSA Breed Development Program

INTRODUCTION

GCCFSA Inc is committed to the breeding of healthy, pedigree, cats of all the breeds recognised by The Australian Cat Federation (Inc.) (ACF Inc). ACF (Inc.) will not recognise any breed which results from more than one structural mutation (ie that no two or more mutations be combined in any breed).

Selective breeding to improve the appearance (phenotype) of any given breed towards the ideal described by the breed standard aims to produce cats that are more alike in resultant generations. Along with the good genes come a few that may not be desirable and can lead to abnormalities that affect the health and the welfare of the cats. Selective breeding decreases the genetic diversity and increases the chance of concentrating undesirable, and even harmful, genetic anomalies (defects) and these can begin to appear in the breed.

Advances in DNA genetic testing enable breeders to test for desirable genes such as wanted colours or undesirable genes such as found in genetic defects affecting the health of the cat and viability of the breed. Rapid developments in genetic testing is continually adding new DNA tests available to breeders. GCCFSA requires breeders to DNA (genetic) test for all known genetic disorders in their breed to ensure that they have the healthiest breeding stock possible.

Following the practice of testing breeding stock for available DNA tests for genetic defects will increase confidence in the health of any kittens. These benefits both the breeder and the new owner of the cat by reducing the chance of genetic defects arising in the next generation. New cat owners are entitled to receive the healthiest kitten possible to take into their homes and love for many years and not face the necessity for unfortunate and costly veterinary interventions.

BREEDING PROGRAM

A breeding program is where certain cats are selected to be bred with others for predetermined reasons. It is important that breeders should not allow matings unless they have given careful consideration to the possible outcome and any future consequences for the breed.

The purpose of a breeding program is to continue the breed as distinct and recognisable and to improve the quality of the breed as measured against the Breed Standard.

The following guidelines are recommended to breeders:

- Health and welfare (including rehoming) of cats and kittens must be the overriding consideration in any breeding programme. Veterinary care must be sought for any cats and kittens that display health and/or welfare issues*
- The good (positive) and the bad (negative) features including temperament of the individual cats should be assessed and weighed against each other before any mating. This includes the risk of passing on genetic faults/anomalies.*
- When planning a breeding programme, breeders must realise that doubling of the good traits in a cat may also result in doubling of any defects; the breeding of cats with similar*

faults should be avoided otherwise there is a possibility of fixing a characteristic which subsequently will be extremely hard to eliminate.

- *Breeders must make themselves aware of the nature of the characteristics they wish to promote or avoid, whether these are due to a dominant gene (which will always be expressed when present, even if only from one parent) or a recessive gene (only expressed when inherited from both parents; the homozygous state).*
- *GCCFSA will not accept the practice of artificial insemination (AI) in the breeding of cats unless there are very exceptional circumstances.*

RESPONSIBLE BREEDING AND DNA TESTING

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 GCCFSA requirements are adhered to.

It is the responsibility of the Breeder to research the known genetic defects in their particular breed and research available DNA tests and testing services. It is also recommended that breeders keep up to date with new knowledge of genetic diseases in their breed/s.

GCCFSA requires breeders to DNA test for all known genetic disorders in their breed. Where there is a positive DNA test returned for a particular disease in breeding stock then those cats should not be included in a breeding program.

It is possible that not DNA testing for known diseases may count against a breeder in any action taken against them through the Small Claims Court.

BREED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Breeding cats in these programs is the production of new breeds and varieties by means of outcrossing to other breeds and the development of these breeds and varieties. The ultimate aim must be to produce a cat or cats which are acceptable on Full Register in a recognised breed/variety.

There are three possibilities:

- *The breed variety already exists; the breeder is attempting to produce a new bloodline. It is most important for genetic diversity of a breed that this option is available to breeders of established breeds to combat factors such as closed studs and unforeseen events eg. disease outbreak that may reduce genetic diversity, health and breed survival.*
- *A new colour, pattern variety or hair length of an existing breed; the standard for type exists and must be conformed with and the colour or pattern almost certainly exists in another breed, so the description can be incorporated into the standard for the new breed variety.*
- *A new breed, incorporating one or more colour/pattern varieties.*

GCCFSA must be convinced that the animals involved will give a reasonable chance of the objective being obtained and that healthy stock will be produced.

It is required that all cats in these Breed Development Program be tested for all known genetic diseases for the breeds involved. Where there is a positive DNA test returned for a particular disease in breeding stock then those cats must not be included in the breeding program,

The application to GCCFSA for a Breed Development Program should specifically state the breed or variety that it is hoped to produce and the methods for developing the particular breed or variety.

It will be the responsibility of the breeder to submit a detailed and comprehensive provisional standard of points for the new breed/variety for approval by GCCFSA; the provisional standard may be modified during or at the end of the development of the new breed/variety.

It should be noted that one breeding program may include the possibilities of more than one variety being produced. In such a case the proposed program should specify multiple objectives, and, with forethought, the appropriate provisional standards can be readied in advance. Alternatively, the genetic ingredients may include some unknown elements, which may produce a surprise; in this case the breeder should apply to have an additional objective added to the approved program.

It is recommended that cats kept for breeding of each generation be inspected by Senior (or any qualified/experienced) Judges of the relevant breed group for guidance in choosing breeding cats. Where Senior Judges of GCCFSA are not available the judges can be from other Member or Provisional Member Bodies of ACF (Inc.).

Full registration should only be granted at the fourth (or later) generation and only when the GCCFSA and its Committee are convinced that the animals are typical of the programmed breed and of sound health.

Ideally, there should be sufficient independent bloodlines to ensure the continued production of healthy animals. In addition to healthy stock, the production of more than one bloodline, should enable breeders and GCCFSA, to arrive at a suitable proposed standard of points by taking note of variations in such features as coat colour/pattern/texture/length, eye colour etc., that may arise in various bloodlines.

Cats and kittens from these programs to GEN I level, can be assessed in special classes by the Judges who must be given the proposed standard of points beforehand. Such written assessments not only guide the breeder and create an interest in the new breed/variety amongst the Cat Fancy but can also be kept as a record of its progress by GCCFSA. In addition, cats and kittens from these programs may compete in classes against Full Register kittens and cats.

It is of the utmost importance that genetically and in health any new breeds/varieties are proven by detailed documentation before recognition is given and that recognition is granted by all Member or Provisional Member Bodies at the same time.

REGISTRATION OF CATS FROM BREED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

The registration of kittens and cats from a Breed Development Program shall have the generation number after the registration number. Note: GCCFSA will ensure that approved breeding programs are registered on the ACF (Inc.) Central Breed Development Programme Register.

Foundation Cats: means the felines used to start a new breed (Gen 0).

Progeny resembling the intended breed or variety (prototypes) produced from mating Foundation to Foundation or back crossing to the basic breed type will be known as first generation (Gen 1) of the intended breed/variety.

If, in the opinion of GCCFSA or a Committee appointed by GCCFSA, the progeny exhibit enough of the qualities required by the Standard for the Breed and are genetically capable of development, they will be registered as first generation of the new breed/variety and known as Gen 1.

Although GEN 1 cats may be mated with cats on Full Register, the offspring will be only one generation more than the GEN 1 parent, e.g. the mating of a Gen 1 cat to a fully registered cat would produce Gen 2 progeny.

In certain breeds, dilutions of colour may appear in any generation. All colour variants of the same breed in one litter will be registered with the same generation number.

Registrations will be grouped according to the breed aimed at, i.e. Longhair, Siamese-type etc. The generation number (denoted by Gen 1, Gen 2 etc.) will be included with the registration number and all pedigrees issued must include the Gen number as well as the breed/variety name written in full for each cat stated on the pedigree.

The offspring of third generation cats (Gen 4) will be eligible for Full Register (that is without a Gen number), if, in the opinion of GCCFSA or its appointed Committee, they are typical of the programmed breed and of sound health. Breeders should apply in writing to have the new breed/variety accepted for Full Register.

It is recommended by the ACF (Inc.) that Member or Provisional Member Bodies request breeders to agree to continue breeding to at least the fourth generation. All kittens/cats not required by the breeder for their Breed Development Program must be desexed, (the breeder to be responsible for this action) unless such kittens/cats are to be used in another approved Breed Development Program within GCCFSA's jurisdiction, or to be transferred to breeder's interstate.

Where an entire cat or kitten is to be sold to another breeder within GCCFSA's jurisdiction, no sale or transfer may be made until the second breeder has received from GCCFSA, approval for a Breed Development Program.

Breeders may use Breed Development Program stock bred outside GCCFSA's jurisdiction provided that proper records and registrations of the stock are obtained, and approval is given by GCCFSA for its use in the breeding program.

Entire cats and kittens from a Breed Development Program may be sold/transferred to breeder's interstate, provided that breeder has an approved Breed Development Program with their registering body and provided that the transfer is effected by GCCFSA's Registrar on the appropriate form.

Any breach of the regulations will result in the cancellation of the approval for a Breed Development Program and deregistration of all animals involved. GCCFSA may also proceed to take disciplinary action under its general Rules and Regulations.

Generation Progression in a Breed Development Program

Generation 0 mating

Gen 0 x Gen 0 = Gen 1

Gen 0 x Gen 1 = Gen 1

Gen 0 x Gen 2 = Gen 1

Gen 0 x Gen 3 = Gen 1

Gen 0 x Full Reg = Gen 1

Generation 1 mating:

Gen 1 x Gen 1 = Gen 2

Gen 1 x Gen 2 = Gen 2

Gen 1 x Gen 3 = Gen 2

Gen 1 x Full Reg = Gen 2

Generation 2 mating:

Gen 2 x Gen 1 = Gen 2

Gen 2 x Gen 2 = Gen 3

Gen 2 x Gen 3 = Gen 3

Gen 2 x Full Reg = Gen 3

Generation 3 mating:

Gen 3 x Gen 1 = Gen 2

Gen 3 x Gen 2 = Gen 3

Gen 3 x Gen 3 = Full Reg (Gen 4)

Gen 3 x Full Reg = Full Reg (Gen 4)

ASSESSMENT OF NEW AND DEVELOPING BREEDS/VARIETIES

Kittens and cats from Breed Development Programs of ALL BREEDS may compete in classes with Full Register kittens and cats. Cats may be awarded the challenge/AOM certificate. A generation number is required on the challenge certificate and this is incorporated as part of the cat's registration number (refer sub-clause 10.1). that is recorded on the challenge certificate.

Variant kittens from established Breed Programs, Breed Development Programs or Allowable Outcross Programs may be shown as part of a complete litter in litter classes.

GCCFSA Code of Ethics for Breeders / Owners

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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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