



# The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of SA Inc

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Affiliated to The Australian Cat Federation (Inc)

## CODE OF ETHICS FOR BREEDERS / OWNERS

- 1 Breeders breed with the intention of improving the standard of their chosen breed, and not for commercial purposes.
- 2 All litters of GCCFSA registered breeders MUST be registered with GCCFSA. All individual kittens should be registered with GCCFSA.
- 3 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.
- 4 The cat/kitten shall be in the best possible condition and health before it goes to a new home.
- 5 Cats and kittens should be handled sufficiently to be well socialised.
- 6 No kitten should be sold at less than twelve (12) weeks of age.
- 7 As far as possible it should be free from internal and external parasites.
- 8 The cat/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.
- 9 All breeding cats shall be tested for known heritable diseases.
- 10 Transfer of a cat/kitten must be effected 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 13 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.
- 14 Do not permit matings 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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