



# Code of Ethics for Registered Breeders

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The following comprises a declaration of intent by Registered Breeders to follow the Code of Ethics of Cats NSW Inc.

By applying for membership or membership renewal, all breeder members are deemed to have read and agreed to the Cats NSW Inc Code of Ethics For Registered Breeders

NSW resident breeder members must comply with the following NSW legislations:

- Companion Animals Act 1998, Companion Animals Regulation 2008,
- Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979,
- Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (General) Regulation 2006,
- Animal Welfare Code of Practice - Breeding cats and dogs, and the
- Local Government Act 1993

ACT resident breeder members must comply with the following ACT legislations:

- Animal Welfare Act 1992,
- Animal Welfare Regulation 2001,
- Domestic Animals Act 2000, and the
- Domestic Animals Regulation 2001

## AMENDMENTS

DATE	CLAUSE	DESCRIPTION
08.05.2017		Added clause numbers
08.05.2017	6.1	Vaccinations rule & health checks for Kittens

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Cats NSW Inc member Breeders shall:

- 1.1 maintain meticulous records of all breeding cats to enable members to provide true and accurate records of the pedigrees of any kittens sold;
- 1.2 all mating certificates provided for outside stud service shall be true and correct and mating's witnessed where possible. Where it proves difficult to witness a mating breeder members shall ensure that there is no question of paternity of a litter of kittens;
- 1.3 Certificates of Registration will be transferred by the breeder into the new owner's name when the cat/kitten has been sold for show and/or breeding;
- 1.4 each member shall accept reasonable financial responsibility for the health status of kittens for 7 days after the date the new owner takes possession of the kitten. It is recommended that kittens are veterinary inspected within 48 hours of arriving at their new home;
- 1.5 no kitten shall be offered as a prize or be raffled;
- 1.6 no kitten shall be sold to a commercial pet wholesaler or pet shop;
- 1.7. breeder members shall breed to improve the standard of the breed and not solely for the pet market;
- 1.8. breeder's are encouraged to register all kittens **in each and every litter** with Cats NSW Inc

## 2.0 BREEDING PROGRAM

Breeder members shall plan and implement a breeding program which addresses the following issues:

- 2.1 preservation and protection of the breed/s involved;
- 2.2 health and freedom from congenital disease and deformity;
- 2.3 conformity to the standards of the breed as set out by the Australian Cat Federation Inc

## 3.0 CARE OF CATS

Breeder members shall maintain a high standard of health and care, including providing for each cat and making advance preparations for the care of their cats should they not be able to care for them;

- 3.1 not allow an entire cat to run loose outdoors (i.e. confined within a cat-proof area);
- 3.2 provide any outdoor runs with security from weather, other animals, and parasites;
- 3.3 observe show rules by protecting their cat/s and others by not exposing at shows, cats which are ill;
- 3.4 adequate room for exercise;
- 3.5 regular handling and grooming;
- 3.6 clean and comfortable quarters;
- 3.7 adequate ventilation and light;
- 3.8 a balanced diet and clean water;
- 3.9 regular vaccinations and veterinary care; and
- 3.10 love and affection.

#### 4.0 CARE OF STUD MALES

Breeder members shall:

- 4.1 only offer external stud service to breeders with an established cattery registered with a recognised association.
- 4.2 allow stud males adequate time between successive matings.

#### 5.0 CARE OF BREEDING FEMALES AND KITTENS

Breeder members shall:

- 5.1. be mindful that females are to be over 10 months old at the time of their first mating. Exceptions are made when recommended by a veterinarian where prolonged calling by a young female jeopardises her fertility or health;
- 5.2. ensure females are not overbred – no more than twice in any 12 month period; do not repeatedly breed a dam who has severe and persistent birthing difficulties;
- 5.3 provide proper care for the safe and healthy delivery of kittens, and shall, whenever possible, be available to assist the queen, if necessary, without undue interference with natural parturition. If unable to be present at the expected time of birth, then should ensure that another responsible and experienced person is available to attend the birth. A veterinarian shall be consulted at the first sign of life-threatening difficulty;
- 5.4 agree to have euthanised, any kitten born with a deformity which a veterinarian deems incompatible with a healthy or comfortable life. In the case of genetic defects, breeder members should consult a veterinarian or geneticist as soon as possible and report all findings to purchasers of kittens from the same breeding stock, and to the owner/breeder of the sire and/or dam;
- 5.5 not allow kittens under the age of 10 weeks of age to leave their home;

- 5.6 ensure **all** kittens have received **a health** ~~been checked~~ by a **Practicing Veterinarian and have received a Feline 3 vaccination administered by a Practicing Veterinarian** at least two weeks prior to being sold;
- 5.7 have all kittens micro-chipped and paperwork transferred to the new owner;
- 5.8 wean and litter-train all kittens prior to leaving for their new home;
- 5.9 Cats NSW Inc encourages the desexing of all kittens prior to be being sold or re-homed as pets
- 5.10 provide to new owners all vaccination records, micro-chipping records, dietary requirement information sheets and pedigree. These records are rightfully the property of the new owner
- 5.11 when selling entire pedigree breeding kittens or cats, member breeders will not transfer the said cat before the buyer has been granted a breeding prefix from a recognised body affiliated with Australian Cat Federation Inc. (ACF), Co-Ordinating Cat Council of Australia Inc.(CCCA) or Australian National Cats Inc. (ANC).