

## CATZ INC. CODE OF ETHICS/CONDUCT

### Terms

All persons applying for any type of membership, as outlined in the CATZ Incorporated Constitution, shall agree to be bound by this Code of Ethics relating to responsible cat ownership, including the maintaining, keeping, welfare, breeding, exhibiting, marketing, selling and disposing of cats to the effect of the terms and conditions set out hereunder.

Under the terms of this Code of Ethics, the word **member(s)** applies to any person/persons/groups who belong financially or in any manner to and for CATZ Incorporated.

#### Code of Ethics...Members

1. Shall ensure that at all times, any or all cats or kittens under a member's control is/are properly housed, fed, watered, groomed, cared for and receive proper veterinary attention if and when required.
2. Shall agree to follow both the Catz Inc Constitution and the relevant local Council or Government Regulations in regard to the breeding and ownership of cats.
3. Shall agree that at any time, if a pedigree or registration number is in doubt, that a cat/kitten may be examined for classification or verification of correct identification by a panel or no less than three CATZ Inc. fully qualified Judges plus the Registrar.
4. Shall agree that any member of CATZ Inc. shall not knowingly allow any entire cats/kittens to roam at large without supervision.
5. Whilst it is recognised that the majority of kittens will be sold as pets, the aim of breeders should be to use breeding programmes to improve the overall standard of their chosen breed.
6. At all times the member shall retain the right of free trade to advertise directly and sell cats/kittens without misrepresenting them in any way.
7. Except in extenuating circumstances, cats/kittens should not be bred from under the age of nine months and not more frequently than twice in any 12 month period.
8. That all pedigree kittens bred by members shall be Litter Registered
9. Members shall ensure that when selling any cat/kitten, that it **shall not leave the member's cattery under a minimum of 10 weeks of age.**
10. Members shall ensure that when selling any cat/kitten it shall have received at least **one triple vaccination and is accompanied by a current vaccination certificate** plus instructions regarding diet and housing requirements (see 11)
11. That the member selling the cat/kitten, fully explains to the new owner/s their responsibility for the care and welfare of the cat/kitten including dietary, protection, immunisation, husbandry and housing requirements.

- 12 That kitten/s sold as "pet only" should be de-sexed prior to leaving the cattery, or sold with a de-sexing contract. Contracts are to be followed up when the kitten is approximately 6 months old. Such kittens are to be registered as either neuters or spays.
- 13 Members shall not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise or mislead any person in regard to the history, performance/characteristics of any breed.
14. Members shall ensure, when selling a cat/kitten that it has a Certificate of Litter Registration. When the said cat/kitten is for breeding purposes, **transfers shall be made to the breeder/purchaser and a four generation Pedigree given within 21 days of receipt of full payment for the Cat/Kitten.** All breeding animals shall be good representatives of the breed and free from known genetic defects at the time of sale.
- 15 Members shall oppose and report all activities which involve cruelty to cats.
- 16 Members shall uphold CATZ Inc principle that "all cats are created equal".
- 17 **All persons in attendance at any Catz Inc Function or Licensed Show are required to behavior in seemly manner, avoiding any form of conflict with exhibitors, officials, Judges or visiting public.**

Members in breach of this code risk disciplinary action from the CATZ Inc. Board of Directors.