



Cats Queensland Inc

PREFIX GUIDELINES

- 1) Prefixes may be applied for by individuals [sole breeding prefix] or within a partnership [[dual breeding prefix]
- 2) Sole breeding prefixes are available for individuals from 18 years of age. Dual prefixes may include younger members under the guidance of a senior breeder member within that prefix.
- 3) All Queensland breeders are required to register a breeding [cattery] prefix with a recognised Cat Registering Body affiliated with CCCA, ACF or ANCATS. In the case of a breeder holding more than one prefix, renewal for each ADDITIONAL prefix is \$10 per year, payable with membership renewal.
- 4) Applications for a breeding prefix must be made on the prescribed form. A list of FOUR [4] names are to be submitted, in order of preference, to the Registrar together with the prescribed fee. These will be sent to the Central Prefix Registry for checking and approval. Should none of your selections be acceptable to the Central Registry, you will be required to select 4 more choices. Choose your names carefully as changes cannot be made once the prefix has been registered.
- 5) Prefixes must consist of only ONE word and have a maximum length of 12 letters. NO apostrophe, dash or hyphen is permitted to be used in a prefix.
- 6) No breeder is permitted to use another's cattery prefix as part of the name of any of their kittens. Breed names are also not to be used in the common name of a cat.

Prefixes are renewed annually with membership renewals which is due by the thirty first (31st) of December each year. Renewals received after this date are deemed lapsed.
 - a. Breeders need to ensure they follow the Cats Qld Inc Breeder's & Members Code of Ethics.
 - b. If a written complaint is received regarding any Cats Qld Inc breeder, Cats Qld Inc may withdraw services to that breeder until the complaint has been investigated and resolved.
- 7) When a breeder chooses to cease breeding, the breeding prefix may be cancelled, and that prefix will not be able to be used again for a period of 20 years.
- 8) A prefix is automatically considered to lapse when the holder of that prefix dies. A prefix can however, in this situation, be transferred to a family member who applies in writing to Cats Qld Inc, subject to membership fees and prefix renewals being paid and acceptance of the membership application at a meeting of the Cats Qld Inc Management Committee.
- 9) Joint prefixes - in the case of a joint prefix, should one member of the partnership have any complaint filed against them upheld, it must be understood that the other prefix holder in the partnership will also be held responsible and may be subject to disciplinary action, if warranted.
- 10) Cats Qld Inc shall be entitled to refuse any application for registration of a prefix without stating a reason.