

# CATS QUEENSLAND INC



All Cat Queensland Inc breeder/members agree to be bound by the Cats Queensland Inc Code of Ethics, each member/breeder shall adhere to all of the items listed in Cats Queensland's Code of Ethics.

## **BREEDERS CODE OF ETHICS:**

- B. CoE.1** Ensure ALL surviving kittens in a litter are registered, ensure all purchased breeding cats are transferred into the breeder's name.
- B.CoE. 2** Take care to not mate a female under 10 months of age or to over breed a queen, ensuring that she has no more than 2 litters each 12-month period, except under exceptional circumstances. It is recommended that a queen not have more than 3 litters in any 24-month period, be guided by your vet.
- B.CoE. 3** Ensure that a pedigree cat is not mated to a pedigree cat of another breed unless Cats Queensland Inc approves such mating or program.
- B. CoE.4** Ensure that breeding only occurs between health and genetically tested breeding cats, breeding from unsound genetic lines is not permitted e.g. monorchidism or cryptorchidism. Ensure no mating's are accepted unless both cats are owned by registered breeders.
- B. CoE.5** Ensure the certificate for registration is transferred by the current owner into the new owner's name when the kitten/cat has been sold as a pet, show or breeding. The pedigree is the birth right of the kitten/cat and must be given to the new owner.
- B. CoE.6** Ensure that a kitten shall not leave the breeder's premises under the age of 12 weeks, thus allowing vaccination to be commenced before the date of sale.
- B. CoE.7** Breeders are required to have their kittens desexed before sending them to their new owners unless they are going into as Registered Breeder's program. Copies of desexing certificates must be sent with applications for litter registrations
- B. CoE.8** Ensure that MICROCHIPPING of all the kittens in the litter is carried out. The Queensland State Government has mandated that all kittens and puppies MUST be microchipped by 12 weeks of age. This is best done while kittens are anesthetized during desexing. Please be aware that this includes all kittens and breeding adults kept by breeders as well. Please provide these details when completing your paperwork as omissions may cause delay in processing. CQI also reminds breeders that NO cat over 9mths can be sold entire unless they are going into a Registered Breeding Program. These cats MUST be desexed and microchipped [if not already done] prior to rehoming. \*Details of the breeder – Full name, address, prefix, registering body and member number need to be provided on the Application for Registration / Back of Transfer Form.
- B. CoE.9** Ensure that a kitten does not leave before that kitten is fully weaned, healthy, vaccinated, microchipped, desexed and litter trained as required by Cats Qld regulations and local government statutes.

**BREEDERS CODE OF ETHICS CONT:**

B. **CoE.10** Provide all purchasers of cats/kittens sold or placed by a member with all dietary, grooming techniques, immunisation certificates and microchipping details. Accept reasonable financial responsibility for the health status of kittens for at least one week (7 days) after the date the new owner takes possession of the kitten. It is advised that the breeder takes the kitten/cat to their veterinarian for a health check prior to adoption into their new home. New owners should be advised by the breeder to take their new kitten/cat to their own veterinarian for a follow-up health check within 7 days of arrival.

B. **CoE.11** Be aware that the sale of cats/kittens to commercial wholesalers or retail pet dealers is strongly discouraged. A member shall not directly allow a cat/kitten to be given as a prize or donation to a contest of any kind.

B. **CoE.12** Breed cats for the purpose of improving the standard of the breed and not primarily for the pet market.

B. **CoE.13** Cats Queensland Inc will not be involved with monetary disputes between breeders and a new owner of a kitten/cat that they have purchased. The dispute can only be resolved between the parties by either negotiating an outcome or by civil legal proceedings.