



Cats Queensland Inc.

Members Code of Ethics (All Members)

Members who are found to be in breach of any part of the Code of Ethics listed below may face disciplinary action, which could include suspension and/or expulsion from Cats Queensland Inc. Members who sell any kittens whatsoever (Including companion or domestic kittens) MUST comply with all regulations contained within the Breeder's Code of Ethics.

M. CoE. 1 I / We understand that I /we cannot hold membership with any other feline registering body in Australia. [1/10/22]

M. CoE.2 Ensure at all times that all cats and kittens are hygienically housed, properly fed, watered, groomed and receive prompt veterinary attention when required.

M CoE 3. Observe the rules and regulations of Cats Queensland Inc pertaining to any outbreak of infectious disease, for example, Ringworm, Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, Enteritis or Herpes.

M. CoE 4. Not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise or mislead any person regarding the pedigree or performance of any cat/kitten on the show bench.

M.CoE 5. Not allow any entire cats under that member's care to roam free, except under supervision, to prevent mis- mating and spread of disease.

M. CoE 6. Ensure that the Certificate of Registration is transferred by the breeder/ current owner to the new owner's name when the cat or kitten has been sold.

M. CoE 7. Not mate or breed cats unless the member becomes a breeder member by obtaining a breeder's prefix issued by the Association. The breeder's prefix will be noted on the member's membership card.

M. CoE 8. Members shall not knowingly exhibit or officiate in any capacity at any show when an infectious disease is present at their own cattery.

M. CoE 9. Members cannot show for 60 days from the onset of the disease, and a vet clearance must be produced.

Below is applicable to all members and is a Cats Queensland Inc By Law

- 1 Grounds for Suspension / Termination.
- 2 Procedures for Suspension / Termination.
- 3 Your Right to Appeal.
- 4 Duration of Suspension.
- 5 Effects of Suspension / Termination.

1: Suspension / Termination of Members, Committee Members and Judges

1A: Grounds for Suspension / Termination

A member, Committee Member or Judge may be suspended or terminated depending on severity of breaches and any conduct that is deemed to be:

- A) Prejudicial to the interests or reputation of the organisation namely (Cats Queensland Inc)
- B) In breach of the organisations (Cats Queensland Inc) code of Ethics or Rules
- C) Engaging in fraudulent, dishonest or unethical behaviour, this behaviour will incur termination proceedings.
- D) Failing to comply with a directive of the Executive Committee or General committee.
- E) Involved in any action that brings the organisation (Cats Queensland Inc) into disrepute.
- F) Cruelty to Animals will incur immediate termination to ALL members

2: Suspension or Termination Procedures

- a) A complaint or allegation must be submitted in writing to the Cats Queensland Inc Secretary and the Executive Committee.
- B) The person to whom the allegation or complaint has been made against will have no less than: Ordinary Members 30 days, Management Committee Members 14 days to respond in writing.
- c) Following a review of all the information provided, the Executive Committee may, by majority vote, suspend or terminate the member, committee member or judge. A suspension time frame will be determined by the severity of the breach or breaches.

3: Right to Appeal

- a) A suspended or terminated member has the right to appeal the decision within (30 days Ordinary Members or 14 days Committee Members) of notice of the suspension or termination in writing to the Cats Queensland Inc Secretary and or the Cats Queensland Inc Executive Committee.
- b) An independent review panel or full committee (excluding any conflicted persons) must consider the appeal within 28 days. All suspensions and terminations will stand until the appeal process is completed and a decision to overturn or uphold is made.
- c) The decision of the appeal panel shall be final; the outcome will be notified in writing.

4: Duration and Terms of Suspension / Termination

- a) A suspension may be temporary (up to 18 months) or until further notice, depending on the severity of the issue.
- b) The Executive Committee may lift the suspension at any time via majority vote.
- c) Suspended people may not vote, participate in events, hold office or represent the organisation (Cats Queensland Inc) during their suspension. Breeding rights will also be suspended.
- d) Notification to all Queensland Cat fancy bodies will be sent if suspension or termination is upheld.

5: Automatic Suspension / Termination

Any Member, Committee Member or Judge who is under investigation for fraudulent activities, or who is found to have issued false documentation shall be automatically terminated pending investigation.



Cats Queensland Inc

Breeders Code of Ethics

All Cat Queensland Inc breeders/members agree to be bound by the Cats Queensland Inc Code of Ethics, each member/breeder shall adhere to all 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 within 3 months of attaining them.
- 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 does 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 cats, breeding from unsound genetic lines is not permitted e.g. monorchidism or cryptorchidism. Ensure no matings 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.

BREEDERS CODE OF ETHICS CONT:

- 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 Queensland Inc regulations and local government statutes.
- 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.

JUDGES

All Cats Qld Judges sign and agree to be bound by the Cats Queensland Inc. Code of Ethics.

J. CoE.1 Judges shall hold membership with Cats Qld Inc.

J. CoE.2 Judges must belong to at least one Cats Queensland Inc affiliated club OR may belong to A specialist club affiliated with another controlling body. Should a Cats Queensland Inc Judge be a member of a specialist club affiliated with another controlling body, the Judge shall not hold a position on the Executive of that club.

J. CoE.3 Judges shall register all their cats and kittens with Cats Queensland Inc.

J. CoE.4 Judges must always present themselves and their cats at shows and cat-related functions in an exemplary manner.

J. CoE.5 Judges shall strive to achieve standards of professional conduct and display attitudes that will create mutual respect towards their colleagues and others. This may include providing constructive feedback to one another as Judges.

J. CoE.6 Cats Queensland Inc. Judges are to be completely unbiased in their judging.

J. CoE.7 Judges shall endeavour to promote relationships that will contribute positively to the cat fancy.

J. CoE.8 Judges should possess a manner that promotes educating about, listening to and advising on cat-related matters.

J. CoE.9 Judges shall make themselves available to any exhibitor or member of the public to provide information on breeds of cats, including constructive criticism of exhibits.

J. CoE.10 Judges shall not solicit judging assignments.

J. CoE.11 Judges may not cancel appointments to take up other appointments after a contract has been signed.

J. CoE.12 Judges should be aware of the requirements of Cats Queensland Inc and inviting clubs when accepting appointments if there is a time rule in place, noting that such rules are developed to ensure variety of judges for exhibitors. (The current position is that Judges may judge at alternate Cats Queensland Inc shows or judge alternate groups at successive shows.)

J. CoE.13 Judges shall notify the Honorary Secretary of Cats Queensland Inc. of all appointments accepted.

J. CoE.14 Cats Queensland Inc Judges may only judge at a show operated by a recognised body in Australia, i.e. bodies affiliated with either ACF or CCC of A. Please check recognition status for newer organisations.

J. CoE.15 Judges may only judge at overseas shows conducted by recognised bodies. Judges should check with the CCC of A Secretary if they are unsure of the status of overseas bodies.

J. CoE.16 Judges shall not judge any exhibit that has been domiciled with them during a period of three months prior to a show.

JUDGES CODE OF ETHICS CONT:

J. CoE.17 When exhibiting at show at which they are also judging, Judges should bench their own cats with discretion.

J. CoE.18 There should be no conflict of interest with any decision made on the floor or with your governing body on a personal or affiliate level.

J. CoE.19 Judges should be able to justify all judging decisions made when questioned by either an exhibitor or a show official.

J. CoE.20* It is the responsibility of each Judge to ensure that their qualifications remain current and that they are up to date with new or uncommon breeds.

J. CoE.21* To remain on the active CCCA Judges list, each Judge must complete at least three assignments annually, averaged over three years, including at least one assignment per year within their own control body.

The three annual assignments required will not include judging of any companion animals, domestic or household pets.

J. CoE.22* Each Judge should also attend the annual CCCA Judges Conference as well as at least one compulsory seminar or a total of seven hours of training annually, whichever is the greater, as assigned by the tutor judges of the control body to which they are accredited. If the judge is unable to attend either the CCCA Judges Conference or the locally assigned seminar, the judge must complete either an open-book examination, prepare a presentation on a specific or new breed of cat or attend a refresher course.

*Taken directly from the CCCA Minimum Requirements for Judges Document

REGISTRATION RULES

❖ 1: MEMBERSHIP

[a] Applications for membership are available for both breeders and non-breeders, singles or partnerships / families where all junior memberships covered by the family membership are UNDER the age of 18 years and reside together with the other partners in the membership.

[b] Applications must be submitted on the relevant form, with all sections completed in full, declarations signed and accompanied by the required fees as set from time to time. Memberships are presented at the next meeting of the Management Committee for acceptance. Acceptance is not automatic, and Cats Qld Inc reserves the right to not accept such applications.

[c] Applications for a breeder membership must also provide the completed Application for Prefix [see below please]. The cost of the prefix is covered in the membership Application Fee.

[d] Memberships come due on the first [31st] of December each year. Memberships which have not been renewed using the prescribed form, with signed agreements and accompanied by the relevant renewal fees, by the end of March in any year, shall be deemed to have lapsed. 'Renewal' will then need to be in the form of a new application which will require approval at a Management Meeting of Council. Acceptance is not automatic, and Cats Qld Inc reserves the right to not accept such applications.

[e] Membership applications received after the first [1st] or October in any year shall be deemed to be covered for the remainder of the year PLUS the following year.

[f] All members, whether breeder or non-breeder members, are required to abide by the Cats Qld Inc Code of Ethics in its entirety and the Cats Qld Inc Constitution which are sent, as part of the membership package, to all members of Cats Qld Inc upon acceptance.

[g] Membership of Cats Queensland Inc requires resignation from any previous AUSTRALIAN body.

2: PREFIXES

[a] Prefixes may be applied for by individuals [sole breeding prefix] or within a partnership [[dual breeding prefix]

[b] 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.

[c] 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.

- [d] 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 make 4 more choices. Choose your names carefully as changes cannot be made once the prefix has been registered.
- [e] Prefixes must consist of only ONE word and be a maximum length of 12 letters. NO apostrophe, dash or hyphen is permitted to be used in a prefix.
- [f] 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.
- [g] Prefixes are renewed annually with membership renewal which is due on 31st December each year. Memberships which have not been renewed using the prescribed form, with signed agreements and accompanied by the relevant renewal fees, by the end of January in any year, shall be deemed to have lapsed. 'Renewal' will then need to be in the form of a new application which will require approval at a Management Meeting of Council. Acceptance is not automatic, and Cats Queensland Inc reserves the right to not accept such applications.
- [h] Breeders need to ensure they follow the Cats Queensland Inc Breeder's Code of Ethics.
- [i] If a written complaint is received regarding any Cats Queensland Inc breeder, Cats Queensland Inc may withdraw services to that breeder until the complaint has been investigated and resolved.
- [j] 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.
- [k] 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 Queensland Inc, subject to membership fees and prefix renewals being paid and acceptance of the membership application at a meeting of the Cats Queensland Inc Management Committee.
- [l] 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.
- [m] Cats Queensland Inc shall be entitled to refuse any application for registration of a prefix without stating a reason.

3. **REGISTRATION**

- [a] ALL living progeny from the mating MUST be registered. Such registrations MUST be received by the Registrar before the kittens attain the age of 12 calendar months. No registration applications can be processed once kittens have reached twelve [12] months of age.
- [b] Litter Registration forms must be completed FULLY - otherwise they may be returned which will result in processing delays. ALL fields must be completed – this includes the microchip numbers of the sire and dam. Please check carefully before sending. **Copies of desexing certificates MUST be sent with Applications for Litter Registration**
- [c] In the case of dual breeder memberships, only one member is required to sign relevant documentation.
- [d] Once registration has been processed, no changes to the kitten's details can be made except for:
 - [i] The kitten was registered as the wrong sex - change of sex is permissible [and a suitable change of name which is like the original name if necessary. - e.g. Princess XXX to Prince XXX]
 - [ii] The kitten's registered colour is incorrect - this can be changed BEFORE the kitten has been shown without the need for assessment for colour change. Once the kitten / cat has been shown, then it will require assessment by a panel of 3 Cats Qld Inc or other recognised judges who must complete and sign the Application for Change of Colour form. This form must then be sent to the Hon Registrar, along with the original pedigree and the appropriate fee.

ALL applications for ALTERATION as listed above must be submitted with the required fee for processing.

NOTE: The Registrar will correct any clerical errors in certificates free of charge if notified and returned within 14 days of receipt.

- [a] LITTER KITTENS may be registered in the name of the breeder OR directly into the new owner's name. All certificates of pedigree will be returned to the breeder following processing, except in the case of kittens being registered for OVERSEAS destinations.
- [b] Kittens may be registered as ENTIRE or ALTERED or NOT TO BE TRANSFERRED AGAIN ENTIRE. The designation of PET ONLY can also be included in the certificate of pedigree but kittens so registered cannot be exhibited in either the Pedigreed section or the companion section of any shows, Cats Qld Inc or others.
- [c] All kittens / cats intended for breeding will only be registered into the new owner's name if the new owner holds a registered cattery prefix which is registered with an affiliate of either CCCA, ACF or ANCATS. This information MUST be included on the litter registration form OR when transferring, on the back of the Certified Pedigree.
- [d] The Breeder must be the registered owner or lessee of the Queen at the time of the birth of the litter. The Queen MUST be registered with Cats Qld Inc, and the breeder must also be a registered BREEDER member of Cat Queensland Inc.

[e] The Sire of the Litter, if owned or leased by the breeder, **MUST** be registered with Cats Queensland Inc. If the stud is not owned / leased by the breeder, he **MUST** be registered with a recognised registering body and the litter application **MUST** include a clear copy of the Sire's registration/certified pedigree [Fees apply to process the stud into the CI database]. Additionally, the SIRE section must be completed and signed by its owner.

[f] The purchase of breeding cats from another recognised registering body from Queensland, interstate or overseas must be transferred into the new owner's name in the body of current registration **BEFORE** it can be accepted onto the Cats Qld Inc Registration database. Applications for registration into Cats Qld Inc must be submitted within 3 calendar months of purchase of the kitten / cat. The **ORIGINAL** registration / Certified pedigree must be forwarded with the completed application form and fees to the Hon Registrar. The original certificate will be returned to the new owner once the transfer into Cats Qld Inc has been completed and a clear copy made for our records.

- ❖ [g] **MICROCHIPPING:** Cats Queensland Inc reminds breeders that all kittens transferred to a new owner **MUST** be micro-chipped before they leave your care. Microchip details must be included on the registration certificate at time of transfer. If you are selling an older cat, they must also be microchipped before leaving your care. Check the Queensland Government rules on microchipping.

DNA Results: DNA results can be included on the Certificate of Pedigree providing samples sent for testing were collected using the correct CCCA Collection Protocol. Test results obtained from tests carried out yourself cannot be included on the Certificate of Pedigree.

- ❖ [h] **Reclassification of colour** [Adult] - Where colour reclassification has been carried out by 3 Cats Queensland Inc or other approved Judges, the cat's original certificate of pedigree must be returned, with the completed form and fees for alteration to pedigree. If the cat is titled, any challenges / titles gained prior to the change will be forfeited.
- ❖ [i] **Transfers of ownership** - Applications for transfer of ownership must be completed on the back of the original certificate. Entire cats **CANNOT** be transferred to a new owner for breeding unless the new owner is a registered breeder with an affiliate of either a CCCA, ACF or ANCATS body [within Australia]. **FULL** details of the breeder to whom the cat is to be transferred **MUST** be provided at the time of application. It is the responsibility of the seller to ensure all details are correct and included on the form.

PLEASE NOTE: It is the responsibility of the current owner to send the transfer application / pedigree to the Registrar, with fees, for processing into the new owner's name.

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

[n] **NO ENTIRE CAT MAY BE TRANSFERRED MORE THAN THREE [3] TIMES.** The initial transfer from breeder to the new owner is considered the first transfer. Sales, gifts and loans are all considered transfers.

❖ **TITLES** **Cats Qld Inc Members**

[e] When applying for title upgrades, the **ORIGINAL** certificate of pedigree MUST be sent along with payment and either originals or copies of challenge certificates. A new certificate with the updated title will then be returned along with a POINTS CREDIT SLIP detailing the number of points reached towards the next title. Please return the slip when applying for the next title.

NON-Cats Qld Inc [GOLD DGC and ABOVE]

[f] A COPY of the cat's latest certificate of pedigree must be sent along with payment and either originals or copies of challenge certificates. A certificate showing the title will then be prepared.

[g] When applying for titles, requests can also be made for title certificates as well as sashes for the level attained. Fees apply.

[h] TITLES - All pedigreed cats can attain the following title levels by winning the required number of challenge points shown.

- [i] Champion [60 points]
- [ii] Grand Champion [60 points]
- [iii] Double Grand Champion [60 points]
- [iv] Bronze Double Grand Champion [100 points]
- [v] Silver Double Grand Champion [100 points]
- [vi] Gold Double Grand Champion [100 points]

From Gold DGC, cats need to collect ten [10] awards -i.e. signatures on a single or multi-challenge certificate, to become a PLATINUM DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION.

Once this level has been attained, the cat requires a further 10 PDGC certificates to become a SUPREME CHAMPION. Levels are available above Sup. Champion. These additional titles are Sapphire Supreme, Emerald Supreme, Ruby Supreme and Diamond Supreme.

HOW ARE THESE TITLES ACHIEVED?

All cats with the title CQ PDGC and above will compete by group together for a Platinum Challenge in each ring. Males, Females, Altered Males and Altered Females will compete in their classes for a challenge per class [4 certificates awarded per ring / group].

The winning cats must have been placed in the top five in show to receive the award. Platinum DGC and above who receive 10 awards may apply for the title of CQ Supreme Champion. 10 additional certificates each are required to elevate to each subsequent level. Certificates and Sashes are available at ALL levels. Fees apply for **CCC of A AWARDS**.

All titled registered cats are eligible to complete for CCCA Awards. 10 certificates are required to attain the title of CCCA Champion. A further 10 challenges are required to progress through the CCCA Levels. A completed application form with original or copies of challenges are required to be submitted to the Registrar for processing and forwarding to CCC of A for completion. Payment should be made to Cats Qld Inc please. **ONLY TITLED CATS ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR A CCCA AWARD. WINNING EXHIBITS MUST ALSO BE PLACED IN THE TOP 10 IN SHOW.**

❖ **Sale of kittens**

- No kitten may be sold or given under 12 weeks of age.
- ❖ It is the breeder's responsibility to ensure that the new owners are provided with current vaccination records and fully informed of the requirements. Kittens can, and should, have their first vaccination at less than 10 weeks but will not be fully vaccinated until 12 to 16 weeks.
 - Kittens shall be healthy, fully weaned, and litter tray trained.
 - No kitten with any infectious disease shall be sold or placed.
- ❖ The breeder shall provide purchasers with diet, grooming and care information.
- ❖ It is required that all pet kittens be altered (i.e. neutered or spayed) before going to their new homes.
- ❖ It is not recommended that cats and/or kittens be sold to commercial cat wholesalers or retail pet dealers. They may not be given as a prize or donation for a contest of any kind or be advertised as a give-away.
- ❖ A breeder shall not misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise or mislead any person regarding the pedigree or performance of any kitten on the show bench or as a pet.
- ❖ Kittens sold as breeding stock must only be sold to registered breeders.
- ❖ Breeders shall keep record of the names and addresses of all purchasers.

❖ **Stud quarters and care**

- ❖ Stud quarters must be as roomy as possible with the minimum size being 2.4m long x 2.4m wide x 1.8m high with an area set aside within the enclosure for the introduction of visiting queens.
- ❖ Quarters shall be kept clean to keep the odour to a minimum.
- ❖ Climbing and scratching facilities must be provided, plus a high shelf for the stud to retreat to after-mating.
- ❖ Studs require plenty of companionship, both human and feline. Every day sometime should be spent grooming and handling the stud. A feline companion such as an altered (i.e. neutered or spayed) cat is usually beneficial.
- ❖ Each stud must have individual quarters.
- ❖ Current vaccination certificates must be sighted before accepting a visiting queen.
- ❖ It is recommended that certificates for FIV, FeLV, PKD and any breed-specific conditions be sighted before accepting a visiting queen.
- ❖ Visiting queens should be examined for cleanliness and state of health prior to the stud visitation.
- ❖ Matings shall only be accepted by cats owned by registered breeders.
- ❖ Queens should be permitted to remain with the stud for a reasonable time after mating and not be removed from the Stud Quarters before a minimum of three matings have been witnessed.

❖ **Rehoming of breeding Cats**

- ❖ Entire cats over nine months of age. No breeding cat shall be excessively passed around, leased, loaned or sold in total more than three times in its breeding life before being altered (i.e. neutered or spayed). It is the owner's responsibility to ascertain the acceptability of the premises and standard of care of the prospective owner [lessee, borrower, purchaser] before the cat is relocated. The prospective owner must be a registered breeder.
- ❖ Altered (i.e. neutered or spayed):
- ❖ It is the owner's responsibility to neuter or spay all cats no longer required or unsuitable for breeding.
- ❖ Altered breeding cats may be found homes, if necessary, to avoid overcrowding in the cattery.
- ❖ No cat over the age of 9 months is to be sold, leased or given to anyone as an entire cat for breeding unless that person is a registered breeder with a recognized cat registering body. The Registrar will not complete any transfers of entire cats to non-registered breeders.

❖ **Registration of breeders**

- ❖ All breeders must be registered with an approved Governing Cat Control Body (Council)
- ❖ No person may knowingly crossbreed two breed groups without having applied to a recognised Council and being granted an experimental license to do so.....

CATS QUEENSLAND INC

DEFINITION OF CLASSES

- ❖ **ADULT:** An entire exhibit 9 months and over on show day.
- ❖ **KITTEN:** An exhibit over 12 weeks and under 9 months on show day.

LITTER: All living progeny of the same birth, over 12 weeks and under four (4) months on the day of the show, belonging to one or joint breeders.

ALTER: Male or female cat/kitten that has been desexed.

COMPANION: An exhibit that has not been entered in any classes other than domestic pet classes. It is judged on the CCC of A official standard which includes condition, quality of coat and temperament only. All exhibits **MUST BE DESEXED BY 6 months of age.**

OPEN: All exhibits (except PLATINUM DGC and higher) 9 months and over must be entered in this class. Challenge certificates are awarded in the Open class.

- ❖ **CHAMPION:** An exhibit that has been granted Champion status by a recognised governing body. This title is gained by being awarded 60 or more challenge points.
- ❖ **GRAND CHAMPION:** An exhibit that has been granted Grand Champion status by a recognised governing Body. This title is gained by being awarded an additional 60 or more challenge points.
- ❖ **DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION:** An exhibit that has been granted Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. This title is gained by being awarded an additional 60 or more challenge points.
- ❖ **BRONZE DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION:** An exhibit that has been granted Bronze Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. 100 challenge points are required to attain a title at this level.
- ❖ **SILVER DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION:** An exhibit that has been granted Silver Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. A further 100 challenge points are required to attain a title at this level.
- ❖ **GOLD DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION:** An exhibit that has been granted Gold Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. A further 100 challenge points are required to attain a title at this level.
- ❖ **PLATINUM DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION:** Exhibit that has been granted Platinum Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. 10 Gold Certificates won at Cats Queensland Inc Shows are required to progress to PDGC level.
- ❖ **SUPREME CHAMPION:** Ten awards won at Platinum DGC level are required to progress to Supreme Champion. [Amended December 2014]
- ❖ **SAPPHIRE SUPREME, EMERALD SUPREME, RUBY SUPREME AND DIAMOND SUPREME** all require an additional 10 awards for each level.

ALL exhibits with a title of Platinum Double Grand Champion and above compete together in their groups – Longhair and Shorthair, for one award per ring / per male, female. Alter male and alter female – i.e. there is ONE AWARD per ring in the longhair group for males with titles Platinum DGC and above, ONE AWARD per ring for females with titles Platinum DGC and above and the same for Alter Male and Alter Females – therefore 4 awards per ring, per group.

CCC of A AWARDS: Only pedigreed exhibits with the title of CHAMPION or above can compete for this award. There is ONE awarded per ring, per group for eligible males, females, alter males and alter females. Therefore, per ring and per group, 4 awards can be given. The cat requires 10 awards to progress to CCC of A Champion. Each subsequent level requires a further 10 awards.

ONLY BREEDS THAT ARE FULLY RECOGNISED BY CCC OF A ARE ELIGIBLE TO WIN SUCH AWARDS.

❖ **COMPANION AWARDS**

Companions also receive awards to allow them to gain titles in a similar way to pedigree exhibits. Companions DO NOT receive points but rather collect signatures for each level.

- ❖ **COMPANION OF MERIT** requires 10 awards won at Cats Queensland Inc Shows.
- ❖ **COMPANION OF HONOUR** requires 10 awards won as a COM at Cats Qld shows.
- ❖ **COMPANION OF EXCELLENCE** requires a further 10 awards won as a COH at Cats Qld shows.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Commencement Date - This Policy has a commencement date of 5/10/19. Purpose This Policy is intended to provide members or employees of Cats Queensland Inc. (CQI), with clarity on the constructive and appropriate use of social media platforms to achieve CQI's objective of promoting in every way, the standing and improvement of purebred felines in the wider Queensland community.

❖ What is Social Media?

'Social Media' is online media that allows for interaction and/or participation. It is any conversation or activity that occurs online where people can share information about matters that might impact on, Cats Queensland Inc., its members or members of any Affiliated bodies who use our services or participate in the events run by our organisation or any of our Affiliated bodies. It includes, but is not limited to:

- Social networking sites – for example Facebook, Twitter, Myspace, Pinterest, LinkedIn.
- Video and photo sharing websites and applications – for example Flickr, Instagram, YouTube, Tumblr.
- Blogs, including corporate blogs and personal blogs – for example SharePoint.
- Blogs hosted by media outlets – for example comments or 'your say' feature.
- Micro-blogging – for example Twitter.
- Wikis and online collaborations – for example Wikipedia.
- Forums, discussion boards and Groups – for example Google Groups, Facebook Groups, Whirlpool.
- VOD and podcasting – for example SoundCloud.

❖ Who does this Policy apply to?

- ❖ This Social Media policy applies to all members, volunteers, exhibitors and employees of Cats Queensland Inc.

❖ Guiding Principles

- ❖ Whenever Cats Queensland Inc. members, volunteers and employees are interacting on social media, whether in an official or personal capacity, the following guiding principles must be always followed in any interaction concerning the feline community. This means:

- They are required to abide by the Constitution and Rules of Cats Queensland Inc., including the Code of Ethics.
- They must act in a way which falls within the community expectations of good and appropriate manners.

- They must be polite and respectful to Cats Queensland Inc., its staff members, its members, its volunteers, its affiliates of and any other related parties, including Judges.
- They must not criticize, disparage or make derogatory or negative comments about Cats Queensland Inc., its staff members, members, volunteers or affiliates, or any domestic or international Judges, either expressly or implicitly.
- They must respond to others' opinions respectfully and professionally.
- They must not harass, bully or intimidate, nor will they create a perception of harassment, bullying or intimidation towards any person or organisation.
- They must not make negative or adverse comments about any person based on their race, religion or sexual preference.
- They must not make derogatory or negative comments pertaining to the cats of another member of Cats Queensland Inc. or any of its affiliates or create such comments that would be perceived as being derogatory or negative against cats of another member of Cats Queensland Inc. or any of its affiliates.
- They must not utilize abusive, profane, obscene or sexually explicit language or material.

They must obtain written permission from Cats Queensland Inc. before posting any content on any Social Media platform or using any I.T. service to make statements or comments on behalf of Cats Queensland Inc. or otherwise which may be construed to be attributed to Cats Queensland Inc. or using the Cats Queensland Inc. logo.

- They must obtain written permission from any member of Cats Queensland Inc. or any visiting judge whose photo or video they plan to publish on social media.

❖ **Constitution and Rules**

The Constitution and Rules of Cats Queensland Inc. include prohibitions on engaging in various forms of conduct by the members of Cats Queensland. Members or exhibitors at a show must not engage in any conduct that could reasonably be considered to be:

Dishonest, malicious, vexatious, scandalous or contrary law; Discreditable to the member concerned or any other member.

Prejudicial or injurious or tending to prejudice or injure any person interested in feline affairs.

Prejudicial or injurious or tending to prejudice or injure the interests, image or standing of Cats Queensland Inc.,

Contrary to the spirit and intent of the Constitution, Rules and Code of Ethics or any other code, resolution policy or direction of Cats Queensland Inc. or any Committee.

The Constitution and Rules also contain a prohibition on members conducting themselves in such a way as to bring Cats Queensland Inc. into discredit or to bring themselves as a breeder, owner, exhibitor or member into discredit.

❖ Policy Non-Compliance

Misuse of social media can have serious consequences for Cats Queensland Inc., its volunteers and members. All reports of misuse of any I.T. service or social media by Cats Queensland Inc. members will be investigated. Where parties do not comply with the Policy, disciplinary action will be taken. Disciplinary action may include:

Referral of the matter to the Management Committee of Cats Queensland Inc. which may result in warning, suspension or termination of membership; and/or

Information being provided to the Queensland Police Service.

Disciplinary action that may be taken includes, but is not limited to, issuing a formal warning and/or suspension of membership from Cats Queensland Inc.

❖ Reporting of Policy Non-Compliance

Cats Queensland Inc. has a formal Complaints Procedure which must be followed in relation to the reporting of any misuse of I.T. services or social media. The applicable Rules dealing with Cats Queensland Inc. Complaints Procedure must be followed. Any queries regarding the complaints procedures or investigation powers can be directed to the secretary of Cats Queensland Inc., or may also be found in Cats Queensland Inc. Constitution and Rules.

❖ **SHOW RULES:**

- I. All shows are conducted under the Rules and Regulations of Cats Queensland Inc.
- II. Entry fees must accompany the entry form, and the Declaration must be signed by the exhibitor. Entries not shown **MUST** be paid for. No refunds will be made. Cheques etc **MUST** be drawn in favour of the club or body conducting the show.
- III. The club reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating a reason.
- IV. The club reserves the right to replace contracted Judges, or appoint additional Judges if required, for any reason.

❖ **Entering Our Shows**

- I. All pedigreed exhibits, including kittens aged four months or older, **MUST** be registered and a copy of their current registration certificate attached to the entry form. All exhibits domiciled in Queensland **MUST** be registered with a recognised Queensland governing body. Interstate exhibits **MUST** be registered with a recognised council in the state in which those exhibits are domiciled.
- II. Cats that have been shown in pedigreed classes, whether entire or desexed are permitted, where appropriate, to be shown in the Companion section however, once shown in Companions, they can **NEVER** be shown in the pedigrees section again. Cats that have been shown in Companion classes **CAN NOT** be shown subsequently in Pedigree classes.
- III. CQI Registered / Pedigreed exhibits that have "PET ONLY" on their pedigrees **CAN NOT BE SHOWN** in ANY class.
- IV. Registration 'pending' **WILL NOT** be accepted for exhibits over four months of age.
- V. All entries for kitten exhibits and ALL Companion exhibits must include a copy of their current vaccination certificate with its sticker attached when entered in a Cats Queensland show for the first time. Vaccinations must occur at least 2 weeks

before the show. Entries for ENTIRE ADULT EXHIBITS will not be accepted unless they are owned by registered breeders.

- VI. All exhibits MUST include a copy of their most up to date pedigree to be entered in the show. Exhibits CANNOT be reclassified for colour or pattern during judging BUT ONLY AFTER all the judging is completed. Reclassification may then be made after completion of examinations by, and the agreement of, three qualified judges. A pedigree must be provided when reclassification is sought.
- VII. All exhibits must have front and back claws clipped. It will be at the judge's discretion whether any exhibit in breach of this rule will be penalised.
- VIII. All exhibits must be brought to the show in a suitable carry cage, not on leashes or carried in arms.
- IX. Only exhibits that have been entered are permitted in the show hall, unless prior arrangements have been made with the show manager. If prior arrangements have been made, a vaccination certificate must be sighted.
- X. The age of each exhibit will be calculated to be the actual age on the day of the show and shown on judges' slips.
- XI. When benching time is listed on the schedule, exhibits MUST be benched by advertised time. If an exhibitor arrives after stipulated time, and judging has commenced, the exhibitor must forfeit being judged in that ring and wait until the judge has completed the finals in that particular ring, before benching their exhibit/s.
- XII. No cat is to be entered in shows if it has a history of fractious behaviour. It is the exhibitor's duty of care not to expose any judge or official to injury by any exhibit. Judges are not required to restrain or judge any exhibit showing any signs of aggression. Owners are not permitted to handle their cats while judging is occurring.
- XIII. Female cats obviously in kitten and lactating queens without their Litters MUST NOT BE SHOWN.
- XIV. Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchids over the age of nine months may not be shown. Any person who knowingly contravenes this Rule may have their exhibit disqualified and all entry fees forfeited.
- XV. No exhibit can be removed from the show or from its designated cage to another, without the consent of the show manager. EXHIBITS CANNOT LEAVE THEIR SHOW CAGES UNTIL ALL JUDGING IS FINALISED. Challenges WILL be withheld if exhibits are removed from their show cages. No exhibit or exhibition kitten/cat can be removed from the show hall until the close of the show, without the EXPRESS PERMISSION of the Show Manager.
- XVI. Each exhibit is to be presented in its own cage, except for litters.
- XVII. All reasonable care will be taken of exhibits. Cats Queensland Inc and organising clubs, their officials and members, accept NO responsibility for any loss or damage to any person, feline or property.
- XVIII. The placing of all items into another exhibitor's cage is strictly prohibited without the exhibitor's express consent. NO BEHAVIOUR MODIFYING ENHANCEMENTS OR MEDICAL PRODUCTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE USED IN THE SHOW HALL.

- XIX. Cage decorations – no dangling lights are permitted in or on the exhibits cage and only one 'dangling' toy or decoration is permitted at the rear of the cage so that it does not interfere with the handling of the exhibit out of the cage. One small, flat light may be securely connected to the top, on the outside, of the show cage. Also, please ensure no feathers are within reach of exhibits as they often ingest them. [1/10/22]
- XX. Any person/s, who by their actions or words intimidate, harass or abuse any judge or show official are liable to disciplinary action.
- XXI. The behaviour of all Exhibitors and Show Personnel is expected to always be acceptable, with good sportsmanship in evidence. Cats Queensland Inc reserves the right to take disciplinary action against any person in breach of this rule. Cats Queensland Inc Has a ZERO TOLERANCE to Bullying, in any form.
- XXII. Smoking on school grounds is not permitted. Where shows are not held on school grounds, smoking is not permitted within 4 metres of the entrance to the show hall. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted at any Cats Queensland show venue.
- XXIII. No ribbons, rosettes, prize cards, certificates, business cards, brochures, etc are to be displayed on show cages during judging. No identifying signage should be evident on show officials clothing. All awards placed on cages are the responsibility of the exhibitor and should be removed after each ring is completed.
- XXIV. Cages must be kept clean by exhibitors prior to and after judging. Food and water may be given to exhibits but must be removed from the cage prior to each ring being judged.
- XXV. No powder, aerosol sprays, methylated spirits, or scented herbs, etc. are allowed in the vicinity of the cages. Exhibitors or handlers must not use talcum powder or other like substances on an exhibit in the show hall. NO BEHAVIOUR MODIFYING ENHANCEMENTS OR MEDICAL PRODUCTS ARE PERMITTED TO BE USED IN THE SHOW HALL.
- XXVI. Ear tattoos (on altered exhibits only) or microchips under the skin will not penalise an exhibit. An exhibit that has been shaved for the purpose of PKD testing or blood testing may be shown, if a veterinary surgeon's letter stating that was the purpose is provided.
- XXVII. The entry form must contain an Exhibitor's Declaration that states: "I hereby declare that the particulars contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I enter exhibits at my own risk. I declare that I am the bona fide owner / lessee and agree to abide by the Rules of Cats Queensland Inc. under which this show is conducted. My exhibit/s have not been in contact with infectious/contagious diseases within 60 days prior to the date of this show. I understand & accept that ALL Cats Queensland Inc shows have a ZERO tolerance stance on bullying. I consent to the use, reproduction or editing of any photos taken for or on behalf of CQI at shows, without compensation to me. All negatives and positives, prints, video recordings etc. shall remain the property of Cats Qld Inc.
- XXVIII. This MUST be signed by the exhibitor prior to bringing cats into the show hall, online entries, the exhibitor form is already signed by entering.
- XXIX. Mobile phones MUST be in "silent mode" inside the show venue during judging.
- XXX. No judge or exhibitor may answer or converse on a mobile phone in the show ring

while judging is in progress.

- XXXI. No exhibitor may enter a ring while judging is in progress to attend to an exhibit, unless asked to do so by either the judge or the steward.
- XXXII. No photographs of exhibits may be taken without the prior permission of the owner. No flash photography is permitted while judging is in progress and not without the permission of the owner.

❖ **Kitten Exhibits**

- I. No kitten under the age of 12 weeks is permitted to be shown or should be in the show hall for any purpose.
- II. Altered (neutered/spayed) kittens under the age of nine months will compete with entire kittens in age classes and for Best in Show Awards.
- III. Litter trays without identifying marking may be left in cages for litter or young kittens during judging.
- IV. Litters will automatically receive a double cage at no extra cost where required. If the dam of such litter is being exhibited, she will be allocated a separate cage in her group, and the judges slips will note that she has a litter entered in the show. She may be placed in with her litter only after judging or between Rings.
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❖ **Companion Exhibits**

- I. Companion exhibits over the age of six months MUST be altered (neutered or spayed).
- II. Companion kittens will compete with companion adults for Best In Show awards.

❖ **Vetting**

- I. When a schedule states that there will be no vetting at the show, the Show Committee may reserve the right to refuse entry to or judge any exhibit it considers NOT IN SHOW CONDITION. When schedule states vetting, then the vet's decision will be final.

❖ **Pedigreed Awards**

- I. All adult cats regardless of title will compete for challenges in Open Classes for each breed/colour (male, female, altered male, altered female). However, in the case of a PDGC, four Platinum challenges are available to be awarded – one each for Males, Females, Altered Males and Altered Females. The winning cats must have been placed in the top five in show to receive the award. Platinum DGC, who received 10 awards, may apply for the title of CQ Supreme Champion. Higher titles are also available. [Updated 2015]
- II. CCC of A Certificates may only be awarded to the best titled Male, Female, Altered Males and Altered Females of each in Group [i.e. Longhair or Shorthair] if they are placed in the final Top 10.
 - i. In the event of a withheld challenge in an open class or first place declined in a kitten class, no Best in Section or Best of Breed will be awarded if that exhibit is the sole entry in its breed/colour section, nor can it be placed in the Top 10.

❖ Judging

- I. The judge's decision as to the quality of the exhibit is final. The judge is empowered to withhold any award in any class or special award if, in the judge's opinion, the exhibit does not possess sufficient merit.
- II. An exhibit which is unable to be judged / assessed will receive a UTJ and will be disqualified from that ring only. This only applies to the ring in which it was applied. It does not have a cumulative effect towards disqualification. A yellow UTJ card should be affixed to the front of the cage as a warning to following judges, one copy is to be made available to the owner and one given to the Show Rep.
- III. If an exhibit is marked BFL in any ring in a multi-ring show, it is automatically disqualified from subsequent rings on that day. The judge will place a RED CARD on the exhibit's cage so following judges or personnel will not attempt to handle the exhibit. A second copy of the RED CARD will be handed to the exhibit's owner. A third copy of the RED CARD showing all details of the exhibit will be handed to the show manager, who in turn will advise the Cats Queensland Inc Management Committee about the issuing of the RED CARD.
- IV. Notification shall also be sent to CCC of A detailing the exhibit that was deemed BFL. Any cat that shows aggression towards people, particularly any cat that bites or deliberately scratches someone, is to be automatically declared BANNED FOR LIFE [BFL]. Any cat that is ruled BFL must not be removed from its cage until it is transferred to its carry cage to go home. Any cat declared BFL is unable to be shown again, either in CQI shows or any other show, anywhere in Australia. [Updated March 2018]
- V. Judges shall be instructed to disqualify an exhibit on which there is colouring matter or excessive powder or evidence of the exhibit having been dyed.

❖ Complaints

All complaints regarding the show must be made in writing, accompanied by a fee of \$20.00, and in the hands of the show manager within seven days of the show. Fees are refundable if upheld. No complaint against the running of the show will be considered by Cats Queensland Inc unless lodged in accordance with this Rule and accompanied by the full fee.

❖ Show Personnel Information

- I. A well-stocked first-aid kit will be provided at every show. The show manager will know its location and should be approached by any exhibitor, official or judge requiring first-aid materials.
- II. A laminated copy of the Show Rules and Regulations will be displayed in a conspicuous position at every Cats Queensland Inc show.
- III. Following the holding of a show by a Cats Queensland Inc affiliated club, the complete set of Judge's slips from each show along with 1 UNMARKED CATALOGUE are to be given to the Council Secretary or Registrar on the day of the show. A fully marked catalogue will be kept by the Secretary and the Registrar of Cats Queensland Inc for a minimum of 12 months from the completion of each show year.
- IV. The name of the Cats Queensland Inc representative will be listed in the

catalogue. The Show Representative will notify Council of any BFL cards awarded and shall be responsible for notifying Council of any noteworthy practices or problems identified.

- V. The following awards MUST be noted on judges' slips at Cats Queensland Inc shows in each Group: BEST, RESERVE, 3rd, 4th and 5th placed CATS, KITTENS and ALTERS. Reserve CCCA winners should also be noted.
- VI. A judge may not judge an exhibit bred by her/him unless a period of three months has elapsed since the exhibit has left the judge's residence.
- VII. Any judge who is judging at the show on the day may exhibit in any section or ring other than the one in which she/he is judging. Judges may act as stewards at shows at which they are not officiating in their capacity as a judge.
- VIII. At Cats Queensland Inc, we are committed to providing the best possible learning opportunities for our training and probationary judges. At our shows, you are likely to see judges in training "shadowing" visiting judges and learning as much as possible from these differing opinions. While we do not want to slow judging down, please be aware that some discussion may take place about features of a breed and/or a specific exhibit. This will be an open discussion and should not be seen as anything more than a training opportunity. You will be made aware, prior to judging, that shadowing is occurring in the ring. We thank you for your understanding.

❖ **CATS QUEENSLAND INC VETERINARY SHOW RULES**

- I. These are also available for download from the Cats Queensland Inc website.
- II. A copy of the complete show rules, downloaded from the web site, must be included in every show schedule.
- III. A complete copy of the Cats Qld Inc Rules will be available at the Show for exhibitors' perusal.

❖ **VETERINARY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- i. Inspection of exhibits at Cats Queensland shows by a veterinarian is at the discretion of the club. If a club chooses to have exhibits examined by a veterinarian, this is done at the door either prior to benching or after exhibits have been placed in cages. Whichever option is chosen needs to be stated on show schedules.
- ii. Cats that are, in the opinion of the veterinarian, unfit for exhibition must be removed from the hall immediately. This may extend to all exhibits from the same cattery if so determined by the vet in attendance. **THE VETERINARIAN'S DECISION IS FINAL.**
- iii. When exhibitors arrive after the specified time for veterinary inspection, the show manager or show representative may permit the exhibits to be examined by a veterinarian, if still in attendance. This may incur a charge to the exhibitor.
- iv. Alternatively, depending on circumstances, an approved Cats Qld Inc. representative may be permitted to examine the exhibits. If cleared, the exhibit shall be eligible to compete.
- v. Any exhibit which is found to have ear mites, external parasites, appear to have any contagious skin lesions or other obvious contagion or to be under the influence of drugs at any time during the show, will be subject to expulsion from the show. This expulsion will result in the expulsion of all exhibits from the same cattery.
- vi. Female cats obviously in kitten or lactating queens without their litters must not be shown.
- vii. If an exhibit shows evidence of distress at any time during the show, it may be removed at the discretion of the show committee.
- viii. The owner agrees to indemnify the club and the veterinarian against all damages, claims and demands of whatever nature arising out of any action taken under this rule.
- ix. If a Cats Queensland Show has no vetting, the show committee reserves the right to remove any exhibit that is **NOT IN SHOW CONDITION.**

Disqualification under any of these rules will result in all entry fees being forfeited.