

# New Zealand Cat Fancy Inc:

## Breeders Code of Ethics



### Each breeder shall:

1. Aim to produce healthy pedigreed cats for the purpose of meeting the Standard of the Breed.
2. Ensure at all times that all cats and kittens are properly fed, watered, groomed and receive prompt veterinary attention when it is required.
3. House cats and kittens in clean, sound, weatherproof accommodation with sufficient space for exercise.
4. Observe the rules and regulations of NZCF pertaining to any outbreak of infectious disease.
5. Not mate a female at an age that will compromise her welfare, or to overbreed a queen, ensuring that she has no more than two litters in any twelve month period.
6. Not sell or transfer a kitten under the age of ten weeks.
7. Place a cat or kitten only where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life for the animal.
8. Ensure before sale that each kitten is fully weaned, healthy, vaccinated, socialised and litter-trained.
9. Provide purchasers of cats or kittens with all dietary and grooming information and with vaccination certificates.
10. Not allow any entire cats under the member's care to roam in circumstances which could lead to mismatings and the spread of disease
11. Take steps to ensure their cats do not pose a threat to native wildlife.
12. Make every effort to sell cats or kittens direct to the public, so that they can personally assess the suitability of the purchaser(s). NZCF would prefer that members not sell cats or kittens to commercial cat wholesalers, or retail pet dealers.
13. Offer to help with rehoming if at any time circumstances require the cat to be found a new home.
14. Breed only with stock registered with the NZCF or an affiliated organisation.
15. Not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise or mislead any person regarding the pedigree or performance of any cat or kitten on the Show bench.
16. Ensure that, when selling or transferring a cat or kitten that they comply with the documentation requirements of NZCF.
17. Offer purchasers contact information for relevant NZCF affiliated cat clubs