



Cat Federation of Southern Africa

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CODE OF ETHICS AND RULES FOR BREEDERS AND OWNERS

Owners of all CFSA registered cats/kittens accept the jurisdiction of the Cat Federation of Southern Africa and must abide by the General Code of Ethics for Breeders and Owners.

GENERAL RULES FOR CAT OWNERS

1. The health and welfare of each individual cat or kitten shall be the foremost concern for all breeders and owners of cats and kittens.
2. Owners should think carefully and take advice before getting a kitten and choose a cat suited to their lifestyle.
3. Owners should only keep as many cats as they can feed and care for adequately. Although individual cats enjoy the company of other cats, overcrowding must be avoided as this can lead to stress and aggression and it increases the risk of diseases.
4. Cats and kittens must be provided with warm, comfortable and clean housing, clean and comfortable bedding and plenty of space and opportunity to exercise and play. Drinking water must be available at all times and adequate food of good quality must be given regularly. Litter trays must be changed and disinfected daily.
5. Cleaning and disinfecting facilities for floors, walls and furniture must always be available.
6. All cats need some grooming to keep the coat in good condition and to check for parasites e.g. fleas. Longhair cats need daily grooming to prevent the formation of knots matted areas of fur.
7. Whenever a cat is showing signs of illness timely veterinary attention must be sought.
8. Kittens must receive their foundation vaccination for kittens and this must be followed up in the adult cat with annual booster core vaccines.
9. Cats must be examined regularly and treated accordingly for fleas, ticks, mites, intestinal worms etc.
10. Special measures must be taken to prevent the spread of viral, bacterial and fungal diseases and vaccinations where applicable and available must be used.
11. Owners must ensure that their cats are identified in case it should become lost. CFSA recommends that this be done by a microchip being implanted by a qualified veterinary surgeon registered with the South African Veterinary Council and the NCR must be notified of the cat's chip number.
12. Cats that are bought as pets, not for breeding, should be neutered or spayed at an age recommended by your veterinary surgeon or at a maximum of 15 (fifteen) months of age. Official proof of neutering/spaying must be obtained. A cat that is registered as "Not for Breeding" may not be bred from and the progeny will not be registered by CFSA unless the breeder or the person who first registered the cat agrees in writing that the registration be changed from "Not for Breeding" to "For Breeding".
13. Any signed agreement between the breeder and the new owner must be honoured at all times. In the case of a cat being transferred to another new owner this person must be made aware of the agreement between the breeder and the original owner and this agreement must be honoured.
14. Owners shall not sell or hand over any cat or kitten to, or through, commercial cat wholesalers, retail pet dealers or cat brokers, nor for any experimental research or testing, nor directly or indirectly allow cats to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind.