



# Cat Federation of Southern Africa

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### RULES PERTAINING TO REGISTERED BREEDERS

#### 1. DEFINITION

- 1.1. A Registered breeder is a breeder who has a current CFSA Registered Cattery name and owns current CFSA Registered breeding stock
- 1.2. A Registered breeder abides by the Rules pertaining to Registered Breeders and the Code of Ethics for Cat Breeders and Owners.

#### 2. PROCEDURE TO REGISTER AS A BREEDER

- 2.1. Any person who is a fully paid up current member in good standing of a CFSA affiliated Cat Club, who owns CFSA registered entire male(s) and/or female(s) of adequate quality, who intends to breed with these cats and wants to register the kittens with the National Cat Register, may apply to become a Registered CFSA Breeder
- 2.2. The procedure to register as a CFSA Breeder is as follows:
- 2.3. Request a copy of the Rules Pertaining to Registered Breeders and the Code of Ethics for Cat Breeders and Owners and an application Form to become a Registered Breeder.
- 2.4. Apply for a cattery name at the National Cat Register.
- 2.5. Ensure the males and females to be used as breeding stock are registered in the name of the breeder at the National Cat Register.
- 2.6. Have the breeding stock declared suitable quality to be used for breeding purposes and make application at the National Cat Register for stock numbers to be issued to the stud(s) and queen(s) by the National Cat Register.
- 2.7. Accept the jurisdiction of the Cat Federation of Southern Africa and undertake to abide by the Rules Pertaining to Registered Breeders and the General Code of Ethics for Breeders and Owners.
- 2.8. Return the signed Application Form to become a Registered Breeder to the National Cat Register and sign an indication in writing that he/she will abide by the Rules Pertaining to Registered Breeders and the CFSA Code of Ethics for Breeders and Owners.

#### 3. GENERAL BREEDER AND BREEDING RULES

- 3.1. The breeding stock must be under the personal supervision of the Breeder and be housed on the residential premises of the Breeder.
- 3.2. Owners may not breed cats in a way that can cause deterioration in the health of the cat or the breed.
- 3.3. No cat with a congenital abnormality should be used or sold as a breeding cat.
- 3.4. In the case where pathological conditions that are known to have some hereditary (genetic) basis, such as Amyloidosis, PKD, PRA etc, exist, and whenever a reliable test is available, this should be performed and the results certified by a veterinarian or equivalent before the cat should be used for breeding.
- 3.5. All breeding cats must be of good quality and proof of this must be provided where needed, either in the form of recent show results or a declaration by a CFSA acknowledged breeder or judge of the quality of the cat.
- 3.6. All breeding cats must have sound temperaments and have bloodlines of a good quality in their pedigree. Certified verification of these must be provided where needed.



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- 3.7. All CFSA breeding cats should be identified by microchip and the identifying code of both parents should be documented in the pedigree. It is recommended that this practice be established.
- 3.8. Breeders agree to sell cats only where there is reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life. At the time of sale, a written arrangement must be made as to what has to happen if a cat requires a new home.
- 3.9. Breeders must not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of the cat and must draw the attention of purchasers to the "Not for Breeding" ruling when selling kittens.
- 3.10. Owners shall not sell or hand over any cat or kitten to 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.
- 3.11. No breeder may act as a commercial cat wholesaler, retail pet dealer or a cat broker ( i.e. buy or obtain kittens from other breeders and resell/re-home them).
- 3.12. Kittens must be house-trained and in good health before they are allowed to go to their new homes.
- 3.13. A kitten must not be allowed to go to a new home before at least 7 days after completion of its foundation vaccination for kittens.
- 3.14. Breeders/Owners must supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership.
- 3.15. Breeders selling a kitten as suitable for breeding should offer advice and support to the new owners.
- 3.16. Breeders must ensure that a diet sheet, completed inoculation certificate and all relevant CFSA documents, including a copy of the Code of Ethics for Breeders and Owners, are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring in accordance with CFSA Registration Rules.
  
- 3.17. CATS NOT ALLOWED FOR BREEDING
  - 3.17.1. Deaf white or deaf pie-bald cats.
  - 3.17.2. An adult cat with a visible congenital umbilical hernia or any other congenital deformity(ies).
  
- 3.18. RULES PERTAINING TO STUDS
  - 3.18.1. Before being used as a stud, a male cat must be examined by a veterinary surgeon who must complete the Veterinarian section of the official NCR Application for Registration as a Stud form and declare the cat fit to be used as a stud.
  
- 3.19. RULES PERTAINING TO QUEENS AND KIITENS BRED
  - 3.19.1. A female cat must not be allowed to mate with more than one male during one calling Cycle.
  - 3.19.2. A female cat must not be allowed to have more than three kindles in 24 months, preferably not more than two kindles in 24 months.
  - 3.19.3. A female cat that requires consecutive caesarian sections should not be used for breeding.
  - 3.19.4. All births should be attended in case problems occur.
  - 3.19.5. Females about to give birth and un-weaned kittens must be kept in a separate area/room.
  - 3.19.6. Kittens must be bred and reared under the personal supervision of the breeder and on the residential premises of the breeder.
  - 3.19.7. Only kittens bred and reared under the personal supervision and on the residential premises of the breeder may be registered by the breeder at the NCR.



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### 3.20. RULES PERTAINING TO ACCOMMODATION

- 3.20.1. Accommodation must allow for the management and maintenance of the cat's best interest, be on the residential premises of the breeder and under the breeder's personal supervision, subject to :
- 3.20.2. A Minimum of 6 (six) square meters of floor space with a height of at least 1.8 (one point eight) meters per cat.
- 3.20.3. More than one level must exist and a sleeping and refuge area must be included.
- 3.20.4. All areas should be suitable for human access and be weatherproof.
- 3.20.5. If the facilities are outdoors, sufficient shade must be available for protection against direct sunlight and offer excellent protection from all weather conditions.
- 3.20.6. In stud quarters provision must be made for a separate visiting queen's quarters with sufficient space, bedding, water, food and clean litter tray facilities.

### 4. CONDITIONS TO MAINTAIN REGISTRATIONS AS A CFSA BREEDER

- 4.1. Cattery, Breeder, Stud and Breeding Stock registration/renewal fees are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the current year. Outstanding fees must be paid up by the 28<sup>th</sup> February of the current year.
- 4.2. Registration fees must be duly and timeously paid throughout the year.
- 4.3. Verified proof must be provided that the Breeder is a fully paid-up member of a CFSA affiliated Cat Club for the current year.
- 4.4. The Breeder must breed cats responsibly and abide by the CFSA Rules Pertaining to Registered Breeders and C FSA Code of Ethics for Cat Breeders and Owners.

### 5. NCR/NCBC RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS REGISTERED BREEDERS

- 5.1. Reminders for the following year's registration fees will be sent to all Registered Breeders.
- 5.2. During the first week of March of the current year an updated list of Registered Breeders and their cattery names as well as the breed(s) they breed will be posted on the CFSA Website and will also be available in hard copy form from the Registrar on request. This list will be updated every 3 months to include new registered breeders.
- 5.3. Final reminders will be sent out to all Registered Breeders who are in arrears by 31 January of the current year.
- 5.4. All Registered Breeders must remain informed of any changes/additions to the Rules Pertaining to Registered Breeders and the Code of Ethic for Breeders and Owners.

### 6. CFSA POWERS RE REGISTERED BREEDERS

- 6.1. CFSA reserves the right to remove a Registered Breeder from the list of Registered Breeders if the conditions needed as a Registered Breeder are not met or are broken.
- 6.2. CFSA reserves the right to take disciplinary action, if needed, against any Registered Breeder breaking the rule(s) and/or condition(s) for CFSA Registered Breeders and/or CFSA Code of Ethics for Cat Breeders and Owners Rule(s).
- 6.3. On receipt of a report of a Registered Breeder breaking CFSA Rule(s) pertaining to Registered Breeders and/or CFSA Code of Ethics Rule(s) for Breeders and Owners, the matter will be investigated objectively.
- 6.4. On proof of the breaking of CFSA Rule(s) pertaining to Registered Breeders and/or CFSA Code of Ethics Rule(s) for Breeders and Owners, the Breeder will be informed



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in writing of the infraction(s) and will be given the opportunity to correct the infraction within a reasonable time period.

- 6.5. If within a reasonable time period, as determined by the Executive Committee of CFSA, the infraction(s) has/have not been corrected or not refrained from, the Breeders name will be removed from the CFSA List of Registered Breeders and no registration of kittens or the registration/declaration of breeding stock in the breeders name will be accepted. The CFSA affiliated Cat Club of which the Breeder is a member will be informed of the action taken and the information will be posted on the CFSA Website.
- 6.6. If the Breeder's name has been removed from the CFSA List of Registered Breeders, a re-application may be made to have him/her re-instated as a Registered Breeder. The application will be considered by the CFSA Executive Committee and their decision will be final and binding.