

## **RULES PERTAINING TO REGISTERED BREEDERS**

### **1. DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1. **Registered Breeder:** A registered breeder is a breeder who has a current valid registered cattery name, with a cattery registration number, allocated by the CFSA National Cat Registrar.
  - 1.1.1. A registered breeder owns registered breeding stock, registered by the CFSA National Cat Registrar.
  - 1.1.2. A registered breeder is a fully paid up member, in good standing, of a CFSA affiliated cat club.
  - 1.1.3. A registered breeder abides by the CFSA Constitution and CFSA Breeder- and Registration Rules.
- 1.2. **Stud:** A stud is a pedigreed entire male cat used for breeding that conforms to the standard of points of the particular breed and has no physical defects as determined by a certified Veterinarian. A stud should be of sound temperament.
- 1.3. **Dam:** A dam is a pedigreed entire female cat used for breeding and that conforms to the standard of points of the particular breed and has no physical defects and is of sound temperament.
- 1.4. **Pedigreed Kitten:** A pedigreed kitten is the offspring of a pedigreed registered stud and a pedigreed registered dam.
- 1.5. **Core Vaccine:** Core vaccines must include the primary 3-in-1 vaccine (Feline Panleukopenia, Feline Herpes Virus, Feline Calicivirus) as prescribed by the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC).
- 1.6. **National Cat Registrar:** The National Cat Registrar is a sub-committee or an individual member of CFSA that manages the official CFSA registration system for the purpose of registering and recording of information for pedigreed and domestic cat(s)/kitten(s).

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

Any person who is a fully paid up member, in good standing, of a CFSA affiliated cat club, who owns CFSA registered entire male(s) and/or female(s), who intend to breed with these cats and wants to register the kittens with the CFSA National Cat Registrar, may apply to become a registered CFSA breeder. A breeder (who has been suspended at another cat registration body) applying to be a registered CFSA breeder, must submit a written motivation for acceptance and proof of rehabilitation, with their application forms as detailed below, which will be reviewed for consideration by CFSA EXCO.

- 2.1. Rules pertaining to cattery names:
  - 2.1.1. A cattery name must be registered as a prefix only.
  - 2.1.2. No proper names, famous names or numbers will be accepted.
  - 2.1.3. A new cattery name may not be similar to any existing name.
  - 2.1.4. Once registered, a cattery name may not be changed.
- 2.2. The procedure to register as a CFSA breeder is as follows:
  - 2.2.1. Download copies of the following forms from the CFSA website ([www.cfsa.co.za](http://www.cfsa.co.za)), or alternatively request copies of said documents from the CFSA National Cat Registrar:
    - 2.2.1.1. CFSA affiliated cat club Membership Application form.
    - 2.2.1.2. CFSA Breeder and Registration Rules.
    - 2.2.1.3. CFSA Cattery Registration form.
  - 2.2.2. Complete the following:
    - 2.2.2.1. CFSA affiliated cat club Membership Application form and submit to the relevant club, accompanied by proof of payment.
    - 2.2.2.2. CFSA Cattery Registration form, including stud and dam registration detail, to apply for CFSA National Cat Registrar allocated breeding stock numbers. All stud(s) and dam(s) must be registered in the cattery owner's name.
    - 2.2.2.3. CFSA Stud Registration form, signed and stamped by a licensed Veterinarian.
    - 2.2.2.4. Sign the CFSA Breeder and Registration Rules.
  - 2.2.3. Submit the following to the CFSA National Cat Registrar:
    - 2.2.3.1. CFSA affiliated cat club proof of membership.
    - 2.2.3.2. Completed and signed CFSA Cattery Registration form.
    - 2.2.3.3. Completed and signed CFSA Stud Registration form(s).
    - 2.2.3.4. Signed CFSA Breeder and Registration Rules.
    - 2.2.3.5. Proof of payment for CFSA cattery and stud(s) registrations.

- 2.3. The CFSA National Cat Registrar will issue cattery owners with:
  - 2.3.1. Annual CFSA Cattery Registration Certificate.
  - 2.3.2. Annual CFSA Stud Registration Certificate(s), with a unique stud number.
  - 2.3.3. Annual CFSA Breeding Stock Certificate, listing all registered dams, with each dam's unique dam numbers.

### **3. ANNUAL CATTERY RENEWALS**

- 3.1. Annual cattery renewals are due before 28 February annually.
- 3.2. The following documents must be submitted to the CFSA National Cat Registrar upon renewal of a cattery:
  - 3.2.1. CFSA affiliated cat club proof of membership.
  - 3.2.2. Completed and signed CFSA Cattery Renewal form (including stud and dam renewals)
  - 3.2.3. Signed CFSA Breeder and Registration Rules.
  - 3.2.4. Proof of payment for CFSA cattery and stud(s) registrations.
- 3.3. Catteries renewed after 28 February of a year, will be liable to pay a re-activation fee as pre-determined and communicated by CFSA EXCO on an annual basis.

### **4. CAT(S), KITTEN(S) AND/OR LITTER REGISTRATION RULES**

- 4.1. A Registered breeder registers all his/her kittens born from a litter, regardless of the quality and/or designation of such kitten(s) bred.
- 4.2. Each registration of cat(s)/kitten(s) and/or litters must be applied for under the cattery name of the relevant breeder.
- 4.3. A new owner's cattery name may be added as a suffix on change of ownership (if applicable). Subsequent changes of ownership will result in the intermediate owners' suffix being removed. This is also applicable to cat(s)/kittens registered with other registration bodies.
- 4.4. When registering a cat/kitten, it is the breeder's responsibility to indicate on the registration form if the relevant cat/kitten is to be used for breeding purposes.
- 4.5. Only stud(s) with a valid stud number, will be accepted as a sire on a CFSA Litter Registration application.
- 4.6. Only dam(s) with a valid dam number, will be accepted as a dam on a CFSA Litter Registration application.
- 4.7. Should the owner of the dam not be the owner of the sire, a certificate of mating issued by the owner of the sire must accompany the CFSA Litter Registration application.
- 4.8. The breeder is responsible to complete and submit the CFSA Litter Registration and CFSA Transfer of Ownership forms to the CFSA National Cat Registrar.
- 4.9. After processing CFSA Litter Registration application(s) the CFSA National Cat Registrar will issue the breeder with a CFSA pedigree and a CFSA Transfer of Ownership certificate, for each kitten in the litter.
- 4.10. The breeder must notify the CFSA National Cat Registrar once a cat/kitten has been neutered/spayed, by completing and submitting the CFSA Neuter/Spay Notification form(s), signed and stamped by a licensed Veterinarian.
- 4.11. The breeder must notify the CFSA National Cat Registrar, via e-mail, within thirty (30) days when a cat/kitten has died.

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### **5. GENERAL BREEDER AND BREEDING RULES**

- 5.1. Rules pertaining to breeding stock:
  - 5.1.1. The breeding stock must be under the personal supervision of the breeder.
  - 5.1.2. The breeding stock must be housed on the residential premises of the breeder, as stipulated on the CFSA Cattery Registration form.
  - 5.1.3. All intended breeding stock must have an authentic pedigree (of at least four (4) generations), from a recognised registration body, which must be submitted to the NCR upon registration of such a cat for breeding.
  - 5.1.4. Breeders must strive to improve the health and sound temperament of the cats.
  - 5.1.5. Breeders must strive to improve the type and quality of the breed(s).
  - 5.1.6. No cat with a congenital abnormality may be used or sold for breeding purposes. Breeders who found to be in violation are subject to review and possible suspension.

- 5.1.7. No deaf cat may be used or sold for breeding purposes.
- 5.1.8. All studs used or sold for breeding purposes must be certified fit for breeding by a licensed Veterinarian.
- 5.1.9. Breeders are encouraged to test intended breeding stock for known hereditary genetic pathological conditions, such as Amyloidosis, PKD, PRA, etc. These tests must be performed by a licensed Veterinarian and/or Licensed Laboratory.
- 5.1.10. Imported cats must be tested for all hereditary conditions before being shipped to South Africa. NCBC must compile a list of conditions in consultation with breeders.
- 5.2. Rules pertaining to accommodation standards:
  - 5.2.1. Accommodation shall be structurally sound and continuously maintained to protect the cat(s)/kitten(s) from overexposure to elements of nature and potential injury.
  - 5.2.2. Accommodation shall be secure to contain the cat(s)/kitten(s) and prevent other animals to enter the said enclosure.
  - 5.2.3. Accommodation shall be maintained in a sanitary manner, including interior building surfaces, bedding, litter trays, food and water bowls.
  - 5.2.4. Accommodation shall be well ventilated with sufficient natural airflow.
  - 5.2.5. Accommodation shall be cooled and/or heated to protect the cat(s)/kitten(s) from extreme weather conditions.
  - 5.2.6. Accommodation shall have good quality lighting of both natural and artificial means.
  - 5.2.7. Accommodation must allow for the management and maintenance of cats'/kittens' optimum care.
  - 5.2.8. More than one level must exist and a sleeping and refuge area must be included.
  - 5.2.9. Accommodation shall be large enough to allow multiple levels, space for basic supplies (i.e. food, water and litter trays), a sleeping area, an exercise area and has to make provision for natural airflow and natural light.

It is the breeder's responsibility to ensure that the allocated accommodation provides for sufficient space, cleanliness and humane living conditions.
- 5.3. Rules pertaining to general health, care and medical requirements:
  - 5.3.1. Cat(s)/kitten(s) must be provided with free access to fresh water.
  - 5.3.2. Cat(s)/kitten(s) must be provided at least one meal per day. The meal has to be of sufficient quantity and nutritional value.
  - 5.3.3. Food and water bowls have to be cleaned on a daily basis.
  - 5.3.4. Food and water supplies must be kept completely separate from litter trays to avoid cross contamination.
  - 5.3.5. Cat(s)/kitten(s) must be provided with litter trays and at least one (1) litter tray must be provided per two (2) cats.
  - 5.3.6. Litter trays must be cleaned and feces and soiled litter must be removed on a daily basis.
  - 5.3.7. Cat(s)/kitten(s) must be provided with sleeping areas and bedding must be washed on a regular basis.
  - 5.3.8. Cat(s)/kitten(s) must receive daily human care and interaction.
  - 5.3.9. Cat(s)/kitten(s) must be kept clean and bathed on a regular basis.
  - 5.3.10. Cat(s)/kitten(s) suffering from external parasites must be treated with animal safe products to resolve the problem. CFSA recommends that breeders rather follow a preventative schedule available from licenced Veterinarians to prevent such outbreaks.
  - 5.3.11. Cat(s)/kitten(s) displaying any signs of illness must receive prompt medical care from a licensed Veterinarian.
  - 5.3.12. If cat(s)/kitten(s) are ill or infected, they must be isolated for the duration of such an episode. Such isolation must not be to the detriment of the social and/or emotional health of the cat/kitten.
  - 5.3.13. If determined that a bacterial and/or viral infection is present in a cattery, the cattery must be disinfected daily with animal-safe products and the cat(s)/kitten(s) must be treated as per the prescribed Veterinarian protocol.
- 5.4. Rules pertaining to breeding practices:
  - 5.4.1. A dam may not be allowed to mate with more than one stud during one calling cycle.
  - 5.4.2. A dam may not be allowed to have more than three (3) litters in a twenty-four (24) month period.
  - 5.4.3. A dam requiring consecutive caesarian sections should preferably not be used for breeding.
  - 5.4.4. Breeders must strive to be present during the birthing process or ensure that a responsible person trusted by the breeder is present.

- 5.4.5. Prior to birth a dam must be isolated in a separate area/room subject to the social and emotional health of the dam.
- 5.4.6. After birth dams and kittens should preferably be isolated in separate area/room.
- 5.4.7. Kittens must be bred and reared under the personal supervision of the breeder and on the residential premises of the breeder.
- 5.5. Rules pertaining to vaccinations:
  - 5.5.1. Breeders must ensure that all cat(s)/kitten(s) have been given their foundation vaccinations at eight to twelve (8-12) and twelve to sixteen (12-16) weeks, by a licensed Veterinarian. These vaccinations must be administered four (4) weeks apart as prescribed by the SAVC.
  - 5.5.2. After foundation vaccinations, cat(s)/kitten(s) may only leave the breeder's home after a seven (7) day period; therefore kittens may only leave the breeder's home at earliest thirteen (13) weeks of age.
  - 5.5.3. Completed Veterinary issued and signed vaccination certificate(s) must accompany the cat(s)/kitten(s) sold.
  - 5.5.4. Breeders must ensure that adult cat(s) are given an annual booster core vaccine at one (1) year of age and thereafter at least every three (3) years, administered by a licensed Veterinarian.
- 5.6. Rules pertaining to selling/trading/swapping of cat(s)/kitten(s):
  - 5.6.1. Breeders should only sell cat(s)/kitten(s) to new owners where there is an expectation of a happy and healthy life.
  - 5.6.2. The cat(s)/kitten(s) being sold must be accompanied by a CFSA certified pedigree and a processed Transfer of Ownership.
  - 5.6.3. A written agreement/contract must be signed at the time of the sale/rehoming, specifying conditions agreed to by both parties (breeder and new owner).
  - 5.6.4. Conditions in an agreement/contract drawn up between a breeder and potential new owner, may under no circumstances contravene any rule stipulated in the CFSA Breeder and Registration Rules.
  - 5.6.5. Breeders must make potential new owners aware of the classification related to the breeding status of the cat(s)/kitten(s) sold, on the CFSA pedigree, e.g. "Not for Breeding" or "Yes for Breeding".
  - 5.6.6. Breeders/owners may not sell or give any cat(s)/kitten(s) to a commercial cat wholesaler, retail pet dealer, cat broker, experimental/research/testing facility.
  - 5.6.7. Breeders/owners may not act as a commercial cat wholesaler, retail pet dealer or cat broker (e.g. buy or obtain kittens from other breeders and resell/rehome them).
  - 5.6.8. Breeders/owners may not directly or indirectly allow cat(s)/kitten(s) to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind.
- 5.7. Rules pertaining to the breeder's responsibility towards new owners and after-sales care:
  - 5.7.1. Breeders must ensure that cat(s)/kitten(s) sold are housetrained.
  - 5.7.2. Breeders must supply new owners with dietary requirements and guidelines.
  - 5.7.3. Breeders must supply new owners with responsible ownership guidelines.
  - 5.7.4. Breeders must supply new owners with grooming and care guideline.
  - 5.7.5. Breeders may not sell a cat(s)/kitten(s) suffering from, or displaying any signs of ill health, e.g. upper respiratory infections, infected eyes, colored nasal discharge, sneezing, congestion, fever, skin infections, etc.
  - 5.7.6. Cat(s)/kitten(s) that have been given a course of medication must have completed the medicine, followed by a visit to a licensed Veterinarian, prior to leaving the breeder's home.

## **6. BREEDER-SPECIFIC DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

Upon receipt of a written complaint against a CFSA breeder, the disciplinary procedure in "14. DISCIPLINARY ACTION" of the CFSA Constitution will be followed.

## **7. DISCIPLINARY ACTION APPEAL**

Upon receipt of a request for an appeal, the disciplinary procedure in item 14.1.7 of the CFSA Constitution will be followed.

**8. ACCEPTANCE OF THE CFSA BREEDER & REGISTRATION RULES**

CFSA registered breeders accept the jurisdiction of CFSA and must abide by the CFSA Breeder and Registration Rules. By signing the CFSA Breeder and Registration Rules, the below CFSA breeder(s) acknowledge(s) that he/she/they are in full agreement with the rules detailed in this document. If the cattery is registered in more than one person's name, both cattery owners must sign below.

Cattery Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Cattery Code : \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder Full Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder ID Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Signed at : \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

Breeder Full Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder ID Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Signed at : \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.