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A.C.F.A. Membership Number:

A.C.F.A. Cattery Number:

Breeder's Ethics Guidelines

1. Compliance with the following does not guarantee kitten referrals. We require applicants to work with a sponsor from the approved members list during the probationary year.
2. The breeder must show in one ACFA sanctioned show a year. This requirement is in accordance with ACFA's Code Of Ethics and the Manitoba Cat Club's mission statement.
3. The following is also required; active membership in the **Manitoba Cat Club**, attendance at club meetings, attendance at exhibitions, attendance at ACFA Cat Shows, attendance at breeder's committee meetings.
4. The **Breeders Ethics Guidelines** must be signed once a year and submitted with a copy of the breeders's contract to the breeders committee chair.
5. A home visitation by two members of the committee is also required.
6. I will register all of my breedings cats and their litters to at least one major cat association.
7. I will register my cattery with at least one major cat association.
8. When I register individual kittens and cats I will make it clear who the breeder is/was.
9. If I breed I will maintain accurate pedigrees on all of my cats and will retain in my records documentation supporting the accuracy of my pedigrees.
10. I will not falsify in whole or in part pedigrees, registration papers or other breeding documents.
11. Whether I am a breeder or a pet owner I will not falsify veterinary records concerning any cat or make false statements concerning the health or behavior, pedigree, or other information applicable to any cat.
12. I will try to educate each owner or person interested in cats about reputable breeding, and humane cat care. I will try to be constructive as well as instructive in my comments.
13. I will always try to behave in a manner that will be conducive to the advancement of the breed and our club.
14. Always publicly maintain the attitude that my fellow members in good standing are sincere and acting with the the best of motives.
15. Treat fellow members with courtesy and respect. If I cannot be courteous and respectful, I will remain silent until I can. If I disagree with another member, I will try to understand the other's point of view and if necessary "agree to disagree".
16. Never intentionally and falsely degrade another member, cattery, home, or practices.
17. Never publicly accuse or complain about breeder, I will instead try to resolve disputes privately and, failing that as a last resort quietly take the matter to the Breeders Ethics Committee.
18. I will maintain sanitary conditions for feed, water, and exercise, of every cat in my care.
19. I will always maintain proper housing for my cats safe from environmental hazards, inclement weather and extreme temperatures at all times.
20. I will remember that as a member I am a not for profit breeder. I will always breed for the welfare of my cats.
21. I will set my prices for kittens and cats sufficiently to protect them for resale by unethical individuals and to help me afford the many expenses normally associated with breeding.

22. I will space breedings so that no queen will deliver more than twice a year unless specifically advised by a veterinarian to breed her more often. Documentation may be provided if necessary.
23. Never breed a queen more than eight years old unless she has rare needed traits to contribute to the breed.
24. I offer stud service only to breeders that I know practice spay and neuter of all pet kittens before they go to their new homes.
25. Use my stud cat only on queens that I feel are an asset to the breed.
26. Never use my stud to a queen if the resulting pregnancy will cause her to deliver more than two litters in a one year period. Documentation may be provided if necessary.
27. Retain the kittens for as long as necessary to assure their placement in good homes.
28. Never allow a kitten to go to a new home before he is a least 8 wks old and has had at least one vaccination given at 8 or 9 wks.
29. I will not allow a kitten to go to a new home before he is fully weaned, litter box trained, and emotionally ready to leave his mother. Kittens are individuals and each must be assessed individually.
30. Whether I am buying or selling a cat I will always use a sales contract that details what the breeder expects of the buyer, what the buyer expects from the breeder.
31. Never sell a kitten or cat without a health guarantee that is stated in my contract.
32. Never allow a kitten or cat to leave my cattery if I know it is unwell or I have any serious doubts about the kittens readiness to go to a new home, or without informing the new owner of instructions of all health problems.
33. Carefully screen potential new owners and refuse to sell a feline to someone who may be unwilling or unable to give the animal a good home for life.
34. Never sell a kitten to someone who does not intend to be the permanent owner of the animal.
35. The new owner is given feeding instructions, grooming instructions, medical records (types of vaccines and dates given) pedigree, and papers or forms for registering the cat with a major cat association.

Date:

Your signature (in compliance with the above guidelines)