



THE FELINE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC

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CAT BREEDING

CODE OF CONDUCT & GUIDELINES FOR BREEDERS

New breeders applying for a Cattery Prefix and existing breeders joining FASA will be required to sign that they have read & understood this document & agree to abide by the basic principles herein.

BREEDING

- ☛ The cattery must have a registered FASA prefix.
- ☛ The cattery must appear **clean**, with no undue odour (there may be some smell attached where a stud cat is housed). Cats and kittens will appear **healthy, happy** and **active**. There should be no more cats/kittens than what the breeder and their family can effectively care for.
- ☛ The cats/kittens must be raised in an environment that offers them physical and mental stimulation, and **kittens should be frequently handled and socialized individually**.
- ☛ Kittens should be placed in homes where the breeder genuinely believes the new owner will provide a life-long commitment of responsible pet ownership. The breeder breeds with the intention of improving or maintaining the standard of the breed, and not primarily for commercial purposes, and is familiar with the current relevant standards.
- ☛ The breeder will not knowingly sell any cat/kitten to a commercial cat wholesaler, retail pet dealer or directly or indirectly allow cats/kittens to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind.
- ☛ Female cats under the age of 10 months of age will not usually be mated (unless veterinary advice has been sought). Matings should be spaced such that no queen will deliver a litter more than twice a year.
- ☛ No cat, male or female, will be deliberately mated to a cat of a different breed unless it is part of a recognized experimental program.
- ☛ The breeder will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise, or mislead any person regarding the performance of any cat.
- ☛ Any kitten that is to be sent interstate or overseas will be a minimum of **14** weeks of age.
- ☛ The breeder will not knowingly breed from a cat, male or female, known to exhibit or carry any genetically transmitted trait or defect that will affect the health of the breed. Breeders should be familiar with potential problems within their breed and where possible have their cats tested and remove any carriers from breeding programs.

SALES OF KITTENS

- ☛ Kittens should not go to new homes unless they are in good health and are ideally 12 weeks of age.
- ☛ **All kittens should be fully vaccinated prior to going to their new homes.**

The kittens should have had at least 2 vaccinations; generally one at 8 weeks and one at 12 weeks. The Core Vaccination is for Feline Enteritis, Feline Herpesvirus and Feline Calicivirus known as 'F3'. There are now vaccines available for Chlamydia, Feline Immunovirus (FIV or Feline Aids) and Feline Leukaemia (FeLV). Any cat that has access to the outdoors should be vaccinated against FIV.

*Upon the sale of the kitten the breeder will provide the new owner with a current vaccination certificate for that kitten issued and **signed by the veterinary surgeon** who carried out the vaccinations as per the South Australian Livestock Act 1997 and regulations of 1998. The breeder should ensure that the 12 week vaccine is given.*

- ☛ Breeders are encouraged to have their kittens desexed before going to their new owners unless; they are going into a Registered Breeders Program. This procedure is safe and has no long-term adverse effects on the cat. It is also highly recommended that the breeder have kittens micro-chipped while the kitten is being desexed.



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- ✔ **Breeders should be prepared to give ongoing advice and support to the new owners, not just at the time of sale.**
- ✔ The breeder will provide the new owner with:
 - **Their contact details in writing, including phone number**
 - **Written details of all dietary requirements**, especially what the kitten is being fed currently
 - **Vaccination certificate** signed by a Veterinary Surgeon.
 - FASA encourage all kittens be registered and a certified 4 generation pedigree will be issued to the new owner by the FASA Registrar.
 - **Information on:** Responsible pet ownership, which could include:
 - Cat Runs enclosures and housing cats indoors
 - Cat friendly toys/plants
 - Any other information that will ensure the cat/kitten fits into its new environment with minimum stress.
 - Details of where kitten or cat owners may find ongoing support, introduction to networks and be able to locate where further advice can be found.
 - The FASA and club **membership forms** and other available **information pamphlets** on showing, etc. or direct to the FASA website.
 - A **sales contract**, may be made between the breeder and the new owner and may detail: requirement that the kitten be spayed or neutered by five months of age (if not sold already neutered) and not be allowed to breed (unless a breeding arrangement has been entered into);
- ✔ The breeder will ensure that the purchaser of a stud male is made fully aware of the care, responsibility and the standard of facilities required to keep such a cat.
- ✔ The breeder will provide purchasers with contact details e.g. a business card and encourage them to make contact if he/she has any questions or concerns, and the breeder will respond in a timely manner.
- ✔ The breeder will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise cats nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of any cat or kitten.

REGISTRATION

- ✔ **All litters should be litter registered.**
- ✔ Individual cats/kittens being registered to a new owner, should have their registrations forwarded to the Registrar as soon as practicable but within 2 months of sale to a new owner. (Forms are available from the FASA website).
- ✔ Registration may be noted on the form as "Breeding" or "Non-Breeding". "Non-Breeding" or "PET" means that the cat is to be desexed and should the cat produce kittens, none of its progeny can be registered. It is the responsibility of the breeder to explain to the new owner the meaning of "Non-Breeding/Pet" status, and to get the new owner to **sign the agreement on the registration form**. Breeders may also state "Show" or "Not for Showing" on registrations, and must explain the significance to the new owner.

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