



THE FELINE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC

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6. CAT BREEDING: RULES

CODE OF CONDUCT & RULES FOR BREEDERS

- New breeders applying for a Cattery Prefix - and existing breeders joining FASA must be a member of FASA and have a breeder registration number issued by the Dog and Cat Management Board (renewed annually).

and will be required to sign that they have read & understood this document & agree to abide by the principles herein.

BREEDING

- The breeder/cattery must have a registered FASA prefix and a Breeder Registration Number (BRN) issued by the Dog and Cat Management Board (renewed annually) apply through FASA.

The cattery or area of the house where the cats are kept must appear **clean**, with no undue odour (there may be some smell attached where a stud cat is housed) and should comply with the South Australian Standards and Guidelines for Breeding and Trading Companion Animals

- Cats and kittens must be **healthy, happy and active**. There must be no more cats/kittens than 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 regularly and individually handled**.

Kittens should only 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 solely for commercial purposes, and is familiar with the current relevant standards and guidelines, South Australian Standards and Guidelines for Breeding and Trading Companion Animals.

- 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. Cats and kittens will only be relinquished to a shelter as a last resort.
- Female cats under the age of 10 months of age will not usually be mated (unless veterinary advice has been sought).
- Matings should be planned such that no queen will deliver a litter more than twice in a calendar year and no more than eight litters in her life time.
- No cat, male or female, will be intentionally mated to a cat of a different breed or to a domestic cat unless it is part of a recognized and approved FASA experimental breeding program or allowed as an outcross in the CCCA breeding rules.
- The breeder will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise, or knowingly mislead any person regarding the showing performance of any cat.
- Any kitten that is to be sent interstate or overseas will be a minimum of **12** 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 may 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.



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SALES OF KITTENS

SA State legislation effective from 1 July 2018 requires that all animals sold must be microchipped prior to sale and desexed by 6 months of age or within 28 days of owner taking possession. Registered breeders are exempt from mandatory desexing but not from mandatory microchipping.

- **Kittens must not go to new homes unless they are: vaccinated, microchipped and are in general good health and are at least 12 weeks of age**

The kittens must have had at least two vaccinations. Generally, one at 8 weeks and one at 12 weeks but variation to this protocol is acceptable provided at least 2 vaccinations are given prior to sale. The Core Vaccination is to protect against Feline Enteritis, Feline Herpesvirus and Feline Calicivirus known as 'F3'. There are now vaccines available for Chlamydia, Feline Immunodeficiency virus (FIV or Feline Aids) and Feline Leukemia Virus.

*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 registered veterinary surgeon** who carried out the vaccinations and corresponding health checks.*

- Breeders are strongly encouraged to desex kittens prior to sale to a new owner but desexing must be completed within 28 days by new owners after taking delivery unless purchased by a registered breeder (State Legislation applies). Microchipping kittens is compulsory at point of sale (State Legislation applies).
- **Breeders should be prepared to give ongoing advice and support to the new owners, not just at the time of sale.**
- **The breeder must provide the new owner with:**
 - **Their contact details in writing, including phone number and email address;**
 - **Written details of all dietary requirements,** especially what the kitten is being fed currently; &
 - **Vaccination certificates** (signed by a registered veterinary surgeon).

It is good practice to discuss and provide:

- **Information** on responsible cat ownership, which includes:
Identification; desexing; confining; housing, including info on mental & physical stimulation for the cat; litter box training, integrating with other household pets and common behavioral problems; and any other information that will ensure the cat/kitten fits into its new environment with minimum stress.
- **A sales contract**, which will detail:
 - a statement that the kitten/cat is in good health at the time of sale. If the kitten contracts any illness within 7 days, the breeder will discuss options which may include agreeing to contribute to veterinary bills (breeders may insist on their own vet), or even taking the kitten back and providing a full refund of purchase price;
 - requirement that the kitten be desexed within 28 days of taking ownership (if not sold already desexed) and not be allowed to produce any offspring (unless a breeding arrangement has been entered into);
 - whether the kitten or cat is being sold as a neutered pet, neutered show cat, or intact breeding cat. (New owners should sign the DESEX section on the registration form).
- **Pedigree:** a FASA registered pedigree showing at least 3 generations, colours, registration numbers and the breeder's name and address (when the kitten is registered the FASA pedigree will be posted to the new owner by the FASA Registrar);
- FASA & club **membership forms** and other available **information pamphlets** on showing, etc. or direct to the FASA website.
- *The breeder will encourage the purchaser to make contact if he/she has any questions or concerns, and the breeder will respond in a timely manner.*
- 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 an entire male cat. Purchasers of a stud cat must be a registered breeder with facilities that will enable the stud to be domiciled in conditions that meet guidelines (stated under the heading of 'breeding') in page 1 of this document.
- 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.



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REGISTRATION

- All litters must be litter registered and all kitten's must be individually registered.
- If the individual cat/kitten is to be registered to the new owner, the paperwork should be sent to the Registrar as soon as practicable but within 2 months of sale to a new owner. (Forms are available on 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" 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. Any other agreements are between the two parties and both parties should have written signed copies.

PENALTIES

Failure to comply with the above rules will result in a first warning and if further offences occur the breeder will be suspended from registering cats/kittens with the association for a period of up to 12 months. After this suspension any further contravention of these rules will result in a permanent ban on the breeder registering cats/kittens with the association. The DCMB will be advised of such suspensions"

I Agree to abide by the above Breeding Rules and Code of Conduct of the Feline Association of SA Inc and note that noncompliance with these rules will incur penalties as stated in the rules:

Signed _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Further enquiries can be directed to the FASA Secretary, Refer to the FASA website www.felineassociationsa.com for current contact details and information.



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9. RULES RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF CATS

1. Definitions

- The 'association' means the Feline Association of South Australia (FASA).
- 'Registered' means registered in the Register of FASA unless otherwise stated.
- The term 'cat' includes 'kitten' where kittens are eligible, unless otherwise stated.
- 'Month' means calendar month.
- 'CCCA' is the Coordinating Cat Council of Australia, of which FASA is a member.
- 'Pending' refers only to registrations where the paperwork has been submitted to the Registrar and which are awaiting processing.

2. The Register

- a. The association shall keep and maintain a register of cats.
- b. The association may refuse an application for registration without having to assign a reason.
- c. The person whose name is in the register as the owner of the cat shall be deemed to be the owner.
- d. In the case of a partnership both parties shall be deemed to be co-owners and both signatures shall be required
- e. If a signature of one of the parties is unattainable, a Statutory Declaration, signed before a JP may be accepted.
- f. Forms relating to application for registration, transfer, prefix, etc, can be downloaded from the FASA website or contact the FASA Secretary.
- g. Dual Registration,
A cat may be registered in South Australia with both control bodies.
- h. To gain points for FASA Annual Awards a cat must be registered with FASA and the owner a financial member of FASA.

3. Eligibility

- a. A person shall not be entitled to initially register a cat unless they are the breeder of the cat.
- b. Except with the approval of the association, a cat shall not be eligible for registration with FASA unless:
 - it has been litter recorded, and
 - its sire and dam are each registered, and
 - the dam is registered in SA, and
 - the sire is registered with FASA or a body recognised by FASA.
 - all cats and kittens for individual registration must be microchipped and number provided with the application for registration
- c. FASA will not accept into its register any cat which is registered with a control body not recognised by CCCA.
- d. FASA will not accept into its register any cat which has been deregistered by a CCCA Member Body.
- e. All CCCA Members will be notified of any cat which is deregistered.

4. Registration Numbers & Names

- a. A unique number shall be allocated to each cat registered with the association.
- b. A cat shall be assigned an identifier upon registration in the register which shall include in the following order:
 - the breeder's registered prefix
 - a name, which must not exceed 25 characters including prefix and spaces between words, numerals cannot be used, and
 - the registered number.
 - The registered number shall include in the following order
 - Year of registration
 - 'S' denoting state is South Australia
 - The Register Number allocated to the cat
 - Relevant letter and year of transfer into another state, which is replaced if transferred into more than one different state.



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(For example: Prefix, followed by the cat's name, Registration numbers 12S12345 or if transferred from Vic it would appear V12.12345S12 and then if then sold into NSW it would change to V12.12345.N13 etc.)

- c. A cat in a particular breed shall not be registered with a name that is the same as, or close to, or likely to mislead, as another cat in the same breed of that name.
- d. Once registered, a name cannot be altered, except in the case of an error or duplication being discovered, in which case the Registrar should notify the FASA Management Committee of the alteration so that it is recorded in the minutes of a FASA Management Committee meeting.
- e. If a cat/kitten requires reclassification of colour or pattern after individual registration, it will need to be reclassified by 3 judges qualified to judge the Group in which it belongs and appointed by arrangement. Judges will need to sign a document which shows the cats full name, sex and advising the change of colour from - to - . -. It should be noted that kittens are not generally assessed for re-classification unless there has been an obvious error – advice should be sought by breeders regarding such requests.

5. Designation of breeding or non-breeding

- a. Applications for individual registrations should be marked as 'Entire', 'Show Neuter' or 'Pet Only'.
- b. Registration forms marked by the breeder as 'Entire', means the cat can be bred from and shown; if designated as 'Show Neuter', the cat can be shown but not bred from, unless the breeder gives written permission to rescind this prior to the cat being neutered.
Forms marked 'Pet Only' will have 'P' after the number and any litter from this cat will not be able to be registered without written permission of the breeder rescinding the restriction.
- c. Breeders may choose to put other conditions on the sale of a cat and this becomes a contract between the breeder and the new owner, provided it is signed by both parties.

6. Transfers

- a. The transfer of a registered cat to another owner must be accompanied by:
 - the original FASA certificate, and
 - the correct FASA form (available from FASA website) and appropriate fee.
- b. A cat registered with any control body recognized by FASA may only be registered with the association after it has been transferred to the South Australian owner.
- c. The owner of the cat must include with the application:
 - the current registration form
 - a copy of pedigree showing three generations of registration numbers, colours and the breeders signature, and
 - the appropriate fee.
- d. Transfer of registration must be applied for within 30 days of change of ownership. After such time the fee will be doubled.
- e. Cats purchased from within other control bodies must comply with the association's breeding rules before acceptance onto the full register.
- f. A cat must be registered within the body in which the litter is registered before it can be transferred to another Control Body.
- g. The association will not accept onto its register any cat which has not previously been transferred through its original registering body (state).
- h. Cats transferred between CCCA member bodies will retain their original registration numbers followed by the initials of the registering body (eg FASA shows as S + year).
- i. The Registration certificate stamped and initialed by the Registrar acts as a certified pedigree.

7. Litters

- a. Litter registration must be accompanied by a completed stud form, signed by the stud owner, a 4-generation pedigree, which must show colours and registration numbers, and the fee.
- b. Litters must be registered by the age of 6 months. The registrar reserves the right to refuse an application after that time unless a reasonable explanation can be supplied. If accepted, the fee will be doubled.
- c. Individual kittens should be registered by the age of 6 months. After such time, if accepted, the fee will be doubled.
- d. If a decision is made to register a cat after the age of 12 months, a request must be made to the FASA Management Committee, with an explanation. If accepted, the fee will be doubled.



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8. Cattery Prefix

- a. The applicant must be a financial member of FASA and apply for Breeder Registration Number (BRN) from the DCMC, through FASA.
- b. The applicant must agree to abide by the rules and policies of FASA (as published on FASA website). Attention is drawn to Section 4, Responsible Cat Ownership and Section 1, Cat Breeding: Rules
- c. Prefix Application must be one word only, of not more than 12 letters and not contain hyphens or apostrophes.
- d. Six choices of name should be supplied, preferably that are sufficiently different, to save time by preventing having to return the application because it conflicts with a name elsewhere. Bear in mind when making a choice of name that when registering cats or kittens, the total name must not exceed 25 letters including prefix.
The Registrar will then clear this new name throughout recognized control bodies in Australia, so allow time for the process.
- e. The applicant may not use any of the chosen names until they receive official notification from the FASA Registrar.

9. Experimental & New Breeds

- a. Breeders considering bringing into FASA a yet unrecognized breed, or new colour, pattern or hair length into a breed for registration must apply to the Management Committee first, with details of background breeding, and known standards, proposed program, etc. This will be considered by the Breeds & Standards Sub Committee and if necessary a breeding program will be established in consultation with the owner, and the Registrar notified.
- b. The FASA Breeds & Standards Sub Committee consists of 2 FASA Committee Members and 2 Senior judges appointed annually. All FASA Judges and Registrars are to be notified of and welcome to attend & contribute to any meetings of this subcommittee.
- c. Experimental kittens shall be registered by the age of 6 months. If accepted after that time, the fee will be doubled.
- d. Experimental exhibits must show their "proposed" breed and generation on the application form.

10. Leasing

- a. A lease is a contractual arrangement between the lessee (new 'owner') and the lessor (original owner) for a period of time. During such time for all intents and purposes, the lessee has the rights of ownership of the animal.
- b. The applicant completes the registration form (tick 'lease'), and include:
 - a letter from the current registered owner (lessor) and signed also by the lessee, stating the term of the lease from – and to - and any conditions attached, and
 - copy of pedigree showing colours and registration numbers, and
 - the original registration certificate, and the appropriate fee.

11. Showing

- a. Pedigreed Cats and kittens over 6 months must be registered to be able to be shown.
- b. Only pedigree cats and kittens registered with control councils recognised by FASA may be entered.
- c. Registration numbers must be quoted on the entry form.
- d. 'Number pending' is allowed for pedigree kittens up to 6 months provided the paperwork has been submitted to the appropriate Registrar.
- e. Unregistered pedigreed cats or kittens may not be entered in Companion Cat classes.

12. Copies

- a. Duplicate registrations will be provided only after the registrar is satisfied that the registration had been genuinely lost. Registration forms will be marked "Duplicate Registration – original issued on - /-/-".
- b. Fee charged will be double normal fee.

13. Fees

Refer to FASA website for current fees or contact the FASA Secretary.