

# CATS QLD INC CODE OF ETHICS

## MEMBERS

Members who are found to be in breach of any part of the Code of Ethics listed below may face disciplinary action, which could include suspension and/or expulsion from Cats Qld Inc.

Members who sell any kittens whatsoever (Including companion or domestic kittens) **MUST** comply with all regulations contained within the Breeder's Code of Ethics

- M. CoE.1** Ensure at all times that all cats and kittens are hygienically housed, properly fed, watered, groomed and receive prompt veterinary attention if and when required.
- M CoE 2.** Observe the rules and regulations of the Cats Qld Inc pertaining to any outbreak of infectious disease, for example, Ringworm, Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, or Herpes.
- M. CoE 3.** Not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise or mislead any person regarding the pedigree or performance of any cat/kitten on the show bench.
- M.CoE 4.** Not allow any entire cats under that member's care to roam free, except under supervision, to prevent mis-matings and spread of disease.
- M. CoE 5.** Ensure that the Certificate of Registration is transferred by the breeder/ current owner to the new owner's name when the cat or kitten has been sold.
- M. CoE 6.** Not mate or breed cats unless the member becomes a breeder member by obtaining a breeder's prefix issued by the Association. The breeder's prefix will be noted on the member's membership card.
- M. CoE 7.** Members shall not knowingly exhibit or officiate in any capacity at any show when an infectious disease is present at their own cattery.
- M. CoE 8.** Members can not show for 60 days from the onset of the disease, and a vet clearance must be produced.

## BREEDERS

All CQI breeders sign and agree to be bound by the Cats Queensland Inc. Code of Ethics. To implement this aim, each member / breeder shall adhere to all of the items listed in this document. Additionally,

Each breeder member shall:-

- B. CoE.1** Ensure that all surviving kittens in a litter must be registered.
- B. CoE.2** Take care not to mate a female under 10 months or to over-breed a queen, ensuring that she has no more than a maximum of two litters each 12 months, except under exceptional circumstances. It is recommended that a queen not have more than three litters in any 24 month period.
- B. CoE.3** Ensure that a pedigreed cat is not mated to a pedigreed cat of another breed unless Cats Qld Inc approves such mating / approved program.
- B. CoE.4** Ensure that no matings are accepted between cats unless both cats are owned by registered breeders.

- B. CoE.5** Ensure that the Certificate of Registration is transferred by the current owner to the new owner's name when the cat/kitten has been sold as a pet, or for show and/or breeding. The pedigree and vaccination certificate are the birthright of the cat or kitten, and MUST be given to the new owner.
- B. CoE.6** Ensure that a kitten shall not leave the breeder's premises under the age of 10 weeks, thus allowing vaccination to be commenced before date of sale.
- B. CoE.7** ~~Breeders are also strongly encouraged~~ [01/07/17\*\*] Breeders are required to have their kittens desexed before sending them to their new owners, unless they are going into a Registered Breeder's\* program. This procedure, while not without risk, is considered safe and long-term adverse effects are rare.
- \*\*Applicable to ALL litters born AFTER JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2017.**
- B. CoE.8** Ensure that MICROCHIPPING of all kittens in litters is carried out. The Queensland State Government has mandated that all kittens and puppies MUST be microchipped by 12 weeks of age. This is best done while kittens are anesthetized during desexing. Please be aware that this includes all kittens kept by breeders as well. Additionally, all kittens and cats being transferred to new owners MUST also be microchipped. Please provide these details when completing your paperwork as omissions may cause delay in processing.
- CQI also reminds breeders that NO cat over 9mths can be sold entire unless they are going into a Registered Breeding Program. These cats MUST be desexed and microchipped [if not already done] prior to rehoming.
- \*Details of the breeder – Full name, address, prefix, registering body and member number need to be provided on the Application For Registration / Back of Transfer Form.
- B. CoE.9** Ensure that a kitten does not leave before that kitten is fully weaned, healthy, vaccinated, **desexed**, microchipped and litter-trained as required by Cats Qld regulations and local government statutes.
- B. CoE.10** Provide all purchasers of cats/kittens sold or placed by a member with all dietary, grooming techniques, immunisation certificates and micro-chipping details.
- Accept reasonable financial responsibility for the health status of kittens for at least one week after the date the new owner takes possession of the kitten.
- B. CoE.11** Be aware that the sale of cats/kittens to commercial wholesalers or retail pet dealers is **strongly discouraged**. A member shall not directly allow a cat/kitten to be given as a prize or donation to a contest of any kind.
- B. CoE.12** Breed cats for the purpose of improving the standard of the breed and **not** primarily for the pet market.

## JUDGES

**All Cats Qld Judges sign and agree to be bound by the Cats Queensland Inc. Code of Ethics.**

- J. CoE.1** Judges shall hold membership with Cats Qld Inc.
- J. CoE.2** Judges must belong to **at least one** Cats Qld Inc affiliated club but may belong to specialist clubs affiliated with another controlling body. Should a Cats Qld Inc Judge be a member of a

specialist club affiliated with another controlling body, the Judge shall not hold a position on the Executive of that club.

- J. CoE.3** Judges shall register all their cats and kittens with Cats Qld Inc.
- J. CoE.4** Judges must always present themselves and their cats at shows and cat-related functions in an exemplary manner.
- J. CoE.5** Judges shall strive to achieve standards of professional conduct and display attitudes that will create mutual respect towards their colleagues and others. This may include providing constructive feedback to one another as Judges.
- J. CoE.6** Cats Qld Inc. Judges are to be completely unbiased in their judging.
- J. CoE.7** Judges shall endeavour to promote relationships that will contribute positively to the cat fancy.
- J. CoE.8** Judges should possess a manner that promotes educating about, listening to and advising on cat-related matters.
- J. CoE.9** Judges shall make themselves available to any exhibitor or member of the public to provide information on breeds of cats, including constructive criticism of exhibits.
- J. CoE.10** Judges shall not solicit judging assignments.
- J. CoE.11** Judges may not cancel appointments to take up other appointments after a contract has been signed.
- J. CoE.12** Judges should be aware of the requirements of Cats Qld Inc and inviting clubs when accepting appointments if there is a time rule in place, noting that such rules are developed to ensure variety of judges for exhibitors. (The current position is that Judges may judge at alternate Cats Qld Inc shows or judge alternate groups at successive shows.)
- J. CoE.13** Judges shall notify the **Honorary Secretary Cats Qld Inc.** of all appointments accepted.
- J. CoE.14** Cats Qld Inc Judges may only judge at a show operated by a recognised body in Australia, i.e. bodies affiliated with either ACF or CCC of A. **Please check recognition status for newer organisations.**
- J. CoE.15** Judges may only judge at overseas shows conducted by recognised bodies. Judges should check with the CCC of A Secretary if they are unsure of the status of overseas bodies.
- J. CoE.16** Judges shall not judge any exhibit that has been domiciled with them during a period of three months prior to a show.
- J. CoE.17** When exhibiting at show at which they are also judging, Judges should bench their own cats with discretion.
- J. CoE.18** There should be no conflict of interest with any decision made on the floor or with your governing body on a personal or affiliate level.
- J. CoE.19** Judges should be able to justify all judging decisions made when questioned by either an exhibitor or a show official.
- J. CoE.20\*** It is the responsibility of each Judge to ensure that their qualifications remain current and that they are up to date with new or uncommon breeds.
- J. CoE.21\*** To remain on the active CCCA Judges list, each Judge must complete at least three assignments annually, averaged over three years, including at least one assignment per year within their own control body. The three annual assignments required will not include judging of any companion animals, domestic or household pets
- J. CoE.22\*** Each Judge should also attend the annual CCCA Judges Conference as well as at least one compulsory seminar or a total of seven hours of training annually, whichever is the greater, as assigned by the tutor judges of the control body to which they are accredited. If the judge is unable to attend either the CCCA Judges Conference or the locally assigned seminar, the

judge must complete either an open-book examination, prepare a presentation on a specific or new breed of cat, or attend a refresher course.

**\*Taken directly from the CCA Minimum Requirements for Judges Document.**