

WORLD FELINE ASSOCIATION

Code of Ethics

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1. All Members of the WFA, shall at all times, ensure that all cats under their control are properly housed, fed, watered, and receive proper veterinary attention, as and when required.
2. Non compliance with Regulation 1 of this Code is deemed to be misconduct, and the Member will be banned from the WFA.
3. All Members of the WFA commit to compliance with both the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1970 and the Companion Animals Act and their related Regulations as well as to the United States Animal Welfare Code of Practice- Breeding Cats.
4. All Members of the WFA, shall not allow cats which are registered in their name, to be alone and when away from home, must ensure that they are kept under effective care at all times.
5. Members of the WFA shall breed only with the intent of maintaining and/or improving the standard of the Breed and the health, welfare and soundness of their cats having regard to the following:- (i) by striving to eliminate hereditary diseases within their cats and their breed. (ii) that the health, physical welfare and fitness for the function of cats is of prime importance, and (iii) that a Member shall make every reasonable effort to ensure that cats bred by them do not suffer from any disorder that impedes their sight, breathing or ability to move freely or which is otherwise detrimental to their comfort and wellbeing.
6. A Queen shall not be bred unless it is in good health and has reached adequate maturity, and in any case, no matings shall be permitted before the age of 12 months. Any litter resulting from the mating of a Queen under the minimum specified age at the time of mating will not be eligible for WFA Registration.
7. Members of the WFA shall not breed a Queen that results in it whelping more than twice in eighteen months without the prior approval of the Board of Directors except under "accidental" circumstances where application for registration of the litter may be considered by the Board of Directors.
8. Members of the WFA shall not breed a Queen that results in it whelping more than twice in two years without the prior written approval of a Veterinary Surgeon certifying her fitness to carry and whelp the third litter.
9. Members of the WFA shall not breed a Queen that results in it whelping more than six times without prior veterinary certification of fitness for further breeding and without prior approval of the Board of Directors except under extenuating circumstances where application for registration of the litter may be considered by the Board of Directors.
10. Members of the WFA shall not knowingly permit any of their pure bred cats to be mated to a cat of a different breed, to a cross-bred cat unless:- (i) such a mating is for the

- health, welfare and/or the development of a breed or an aspect thereof: and (ii) the Member has obtained the prior approval of the Board of Directors.
11. WFA Members must register all litters bred by them, either alone or jointly with another. Registration of a litter must be affected within 12 months of the date of whelping. For the purposes of this clause "litter" includes all kittens there from living at the date of registration of the litter. A Member shall register all kittens in a litter at the same time and on one form of application for Registration of Litter.
 12. WFA Members shall not sell or otherwise transfer from their care any kitten under twelve (12) weeks of age. Kittens must be microchipped and vaccinated prior to leaving that Member's care.
 13. WFA Members shall ensure that all persons acquiring cats from that Member clearly understands their responsibility for the care and welfare of the animal and that they have the time and space to perform their obligations.
 14. Members of the WFA must provide to all new owners of cats/kittens sold or placed by hem, written details of all dietary and immunization requirements and/or appropriate publications relating to such requirements as responsible cat ownership and breed specific information.
 15. WFA Members shall not: (a) supply any cat to commercial cat wholesalers or retail pet dealers (b) allow a cat owned by them to be given as a prize or donation in a contest of any kind.
 16. All WFA Members shall not KNOWINGLY misrepresent the characteristics of the breed.
 17. A Member shall ensure that within 28 days of the date of sale or transfer of a cat to another person that documents, as required by the WFA Regulations part 1, are provided to the new owner of the cat.
 18. Upon the sale or transfer of a cat , the WFA Member shall supply the new owner with a current vaccination certificate signed by a Veterinary doctor evidencing that the cat has been immunized against (FeLV), (FIV) and (FIP), with microchip and documentation.
 19. No cat should be sold or transferred in a state of ill health. It is a defense to any complaint against a WFA Member for contravention of this Clause if the WFA Member proves that it was not reasonably practicable for the WFA Member to know that the cat was in ill health at the time of sale or transfer.
 20. Kittens can be exported at any age hat is permitted under the relevant livestock import regulations of the country to which they are being imported but under no circumstances are weaned kittens younger than the age of twelve (12) weeks o be exported and must have received at least 1 set of core vaccines.
 21. WFA Members shall not engage in false or misleading advertising relating to the conformation, characteristics or performance of their cat and shall only advertise a cat's name with the inclusion of titles awarded and registered on the WFA's database at the time of the advertisement.

End of WFA Code of Ethics 2018