

CAPITAL CATS

INCORPORATED
Affiliated Coordinating Cat Council of Australia (CCCA)

INFORMATION SHEET

1. In the ACT only the registered owner/lessee of a queen is eligible to register kittens from the queen providing that:
 - a) The owner/lessee is a current financial member of Capital Cats Inc. and holds a current breeding prefix (Cattery Prefix).
 - b) The mating is to a stud which is registered with Capital Cats Inc. or with another recognised control and would be eligible for registration with Capital Cats Inc.
 - c) The stud used is of the same breed or an acceptable intermating breed.
2. Some breeds and colours are not recognised by Capital Cats Inc.. Please check BEFORE purchasing as these breeds or colours will not be registered in the Capital Cats Inc. register.
3. It is not permitted to intentionally mate your queen or your stud to a cat of a different breed unless you hold an approved experimental licence. Such licences are granted only to experienced breeders who submit a feasible programme to produce either a new breed or a new colour within a breed and only where such breed or colour is not available in Australia or New Zealand or where the gene pool is too small to adequately continue the breed or colour.
4. No queen may produce more than three litters within any two year period.
5. Cats which exhibit genetic faults must not be bred from. Cats which produce offspring which have recessive genetic faults must be desexed and all offspring from such cats must also be desexed.
6. Each litter must be registered within 60 days of birth. Individual kittens from a registered litter may be shown using the litter registration until they are 6 months old after that time kittens must be individually registered. Subsequent kittens from a registered litter can be registered within 18 months of birth. You do not need to individually register all kittens from a litter and are advised never to transfer registration papers with a kitten sold as a PET until veterinary evidence of desexing is received as there is nothing you can do if the new registered owner then decides to register as a breeder and breed from that cat.
7. If you register a kitten and it subsequently dies or is sold as a pet then notify the fact to Capital Cats Inc. and have the registration cancelled. Some breeders have many hundreds of cats registered in their names as they haven't cancelled registrations.
8. If you sell a kitten for showing and/or breeding you are responsible for the transfer of the registration and pedigree certificate. You must advise the purchaser that you are to forward the certificate, together with the transfer fee, to Capital Cats Inc., so that a transfer of ownership can then be recorded and a new certificate issued to the new owner which will register the kitten in their name with Capital Cats Inc. If the purchaser resides interstate then a second fee is required to register the kitten with the purchaser's registering body. If sold for showing as a desexed cat only, it is suggested that you draw up a contract which is signed by both parties and agrees that the kitten must be desexed by a stated age. A copy of the contract should accompany the transfer so that the registering body is aware of the conditions of purchase.
9. It is recommended that you do not consider buying your own stud until you gain experience as a breeder and know what you are doing and what are the faults which can be corrected in your queens, nor should you sell a male kitten as a stud to a novice breeder. There are a lot of responsibilities and costs in owning a stud, they are NOT pets, can not be a house cat and are very seldom able to be rehoused as a pet at a later date.

10. When registering kittens the full name, including prefix, cannot exceed 24 letters including the spaces between words. Other prefixes (as proper names), inappropriate names, ordinal numbers and the word 'of' are not permitted.

11. Kittens sold from your premises whether bred by you or not, must have had (at least) their first inoculation, administered by a Veterinarian, against FIE and cat flu, be wormed, healthy and be a minimum of 10 weeks old with a preference of 12 weeks. Purchasers must be provided with the inoculation certificate signed by the Veterinarian, care and feeding instructions, and a receipt which includes a description of the animal, the purpose for which it was bought and the price.

eg: One Fawn Somali female kitten, sold as pet only and must be desexed Full price \$350.
Deposit received \$50. Balance owing \$300.

It is suggested that you do not allow the kitten to go to the purchaser until the full purchase price has been received. You may consider using a *condition of sale* agreement which includes a desexing clause.

Kittens may not be sold to pet shops or given as prizes. You choose to bring this animal into existence and therefore you must ensure that the new owners are suitable and responsible.

12. If you own a stud you may not allow an unregistered queen or an unregistered breeder to use your stud. You must sight the registration papers of the queen and proof of current membership of a recognised control. You must notify the owner/lessee of the queen that there are dangers involved, ie. that the queen may injure herself, she may be injured when mating, she may be so opposed to the stud that she will try to tear her way Out of her quarters and that you will take all care but will not be responsible for the loss of, or damage to, the queen. You must provide a service certificate but do not give it until the service fee is fully paid.

It is suggested that before agreeing to take a queen you and the owner of the queen both sign a stud service agreement. You cannot take away a person's right to sue you but a court case may go in your favour if you have a signed service agreement and acknowledgment of dangers involved. The owner of the queen is obliged to tell if the cat may be fractious. It is recommended that any advertisement of your stud includes the wording "restricted, available to approved queens only" so that you may refuse a queen.

Insist that the queen has been inoculated for FIE and cat flu and that she has returned a negative testing for FIP, Calicivirus, Leukaemia and Feline AIDS. SIGHT ALL CERTIFICATES.

13. At all times you must behave in an ethical manner. Breeders can only exist with help from other breeders. Should you persist in unethical behaviour, your membership of Capital Cats Inc. will be reviewed.

14. Membership of one of the Capital Cats Inc. Affiliated Clubs is recommended. Attendance at their meetings is the best way to meet other breeders, to find out what to do and how to do it, what studs are available and how to cure that elusive veterinary condition.

15. Cat Breeding is a hobby which partially pays for itself. It can be very costly if (when) something goes wrong and it is suggested that you have access to around \$1,000 for veterinary treatment. The more queens you have the more likely you are to have problems. Cat flu in one litter of kittens is heartbreaking, if you have two, three or four litters at once it is a disaster.

16. Registration certificates remain the property of the issuing governing body. Should the kitten/ cat die, or be given away or sold as a pet you must return the registration certificate for cancellation.

17. All cats resident on the premises should be tested clear of FIP, Calicivirus, FeLV and Feline AIDS. No breeding cat should wander free and no cat which has not been tested should be brought onto the premises.

Membership of Capital Cat Inc. implies adherence to these rules and all other regulations of Capital Cats Inc..



