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GCCFV SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

At GCCFV we believe in open communication. Members are encouraged to share their experiences and passion for cats. Whether members do so by participating in a blog, wiki, online social network or any other form of online publishing or discussion is completely up to themselves.

GCCFV expects its members to conduct themselves with high standards, displaying respect, honesty and integrity. The same values that apply in the real world also apply in the on-line world

When using Social Media members need to:

- Abide by GCCFV constitution & by-laws
- Be reasonable and respectful – Show respect to others' opinions and be careful discussing things where emotions run high
- Do not post malicious, misleading, unfair, damaging or embarrassing content (including audible commentary) in relation to GCCFV or its affiliates, GCCFV officials/judges, GCCFV members or members of other Cat Fancy bodies or indeed of members' cats or members of other Cat Fancy Bodies' cats.
- Be accurate – any comment posted as fact must be able to be substantiated
- Respect confidentiality, copyright, privacy, financial disclosure and other applicable laws
- Act in a manner that is consistent with good community expectations
- Be prepared to retract inappropriate postings
- Understand that opinions or views expressed by members on social media represent those of individuals and not necessarily those of GCCFV

Laws are applicable to online content - postings online (and similarly in email or text messages) are subject to laws of defamation, discrimination, intimidation and bullying.

Always remember that what you say can rapidly become disseminated far beyond your originally intended audience.

Members failing to abide by this policy may face disciplinary action in accordance with GCCFV constitution and by laws