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## Member Education Series

### Breeder – Cat Records

A breeder must establish and maintain records for all of the cats currently owned by them, and any that they breed or that are added to their cattery / breeding program.

The records must be kept in a location that will allow for the physical inspection by an authorised officer immediately upon request, and be able to be produced for physical inspection by an authorised officer immediately upon request, either electronically or in hard copy.

These records must be kept for a period of no less than 5 years after the cat / kitten has been sold, given away, or has deceased.

GCCFV has model templates which have all the required minimum information on them, or members may choose to use their own, however at a minimum they must record the below details for all cats.

### Kittens Under 12 weeks of age

A file should be established at birth for each individual kitten born and this must be maintained according to the following requirements until the ownership of the kitten changes hands or the kitten dies.

For each kitten under 12 weeks of age the following information must be available:

- name (or other identification for the individual kitten eg blue collar, pink collar etc)
- microchip number (once implanted)
- sex
- breed
- birth date (or where the kitten was purchased from another breeder or private person and birthdate is unknown an approximate age based on veterinary assessment)
- distinguishing features
- dam name & breed and sire name & breed, their birth dates, microchip numbers and owner details
- their complete health care and veterinary history including:
  - any checkups
  - vaccination details
  - internal and external parasite control (date and product used)
- change of ownership records including date, and the name, address and contact details of new owners
- a copy of the vaccination certificate and breeder health declaration for the animal
  
- return records, including date, reason for return and copies of supporting documentation,

where applicable.

- date of death and cause of death (if known), including autopsy results (if performed)

### **All kittens / cats 12 weeks of age or older**

For each animal 12 weeks of age or older, the following records must be available:

- council registration certificate and registration number
- name (or other identification)
- microchip number and source code number registered against animal
- sex
- breed
- birth date
- dam breed and sire breed, birth date, microchip number and owner details (where known)
- animal acquisition date and details of previous owner (where applicable)
- a complete health care and veterinary history including:
  - vaccination records
  - internal and external parasite control – dates and products used
  - breeding status
    - complete breeding history for each fertile female including dates of mating and birthing, number of kitten born for each litter including weeks gestation at birth, number of kittens born alive, number of kittens born dead, any birth complications and a record of treatment administered; number of kittens alive at 8 weeks of age, and microchip number for all offspring alive at 8 weeks of age (or at age of implanting where later than 8 weeks); any veterinary treatment provided post birthing and/or during lactation.
    - complete breeding history for each fertile male including dates of mating and identification of female mated with
- sale / change of ownership records including date, and the name and address of new owners
- return records, including date, reason for return and copies of supporting documentation, where applicable.
- date of death and cause of death (if known), including autopsy results (if performed)

Sample Record cards are also available on the Animal Welfare Victoria website which also can be downloaded and used to record this information. GCCFV also has model cards available for download on the GCCFV website in Word format, which can then be prefilled with the breeders cattery details and saved onto their computer. There are also cattery software programs available that may record some of this information, however it is strongly suggested a hardcopy backup is always maintained in the event of computer hard-drive crash.