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Member Education

Breeder Sales – Records

GCCFV breeder members are reminded that all breeding cats owned by them must be registered with the GCCFV. Where a breeder does not have breeding cats registered with GCCFV, then they will not meet the requirements for a Recreational Breeder as per the DAA, irrespective of whether they are a member of an AO or not.

A GCCFV Breeder member must also have a valid source code number issued by the Pet Exchange Register. This number must be included on all registration paperwork, must be provided to the vet when microchipping the kitten, and both the source code number and microchip number must be quoted in all advertisements whether they are on a breeder's own social media postings or advertisements. In order to operate as a breeder under GCCFV, the member must also have applied for and been issued a breeder prefix, and must at all times comply with the requirements of the GCCFV Constitution, Bylaws, the ACF Breeding and registration rules, the Applicable Organisation member requirements, the Domestic Animals Act, The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, the Code of Practice for the Breeding of Animals With Heritable Defects that Cause Disease and other legislation as advised by GCCFV.

Paperwork

All cats / kittens being sold must be accompanied with a breeder health declaration, including details of any known physical abnormality at the time of sale and how that abnormality may affect the short- and long-term health and welfare of the animal, and a vaccination certificate stating the date of the last vaccination and due date of the next vaccination. When cats / kittens that have been vaccinated by the breeder, are sold, the new owner must be provided with a certificate signed by a veterinary practitioner (or a copy of the veterinary health notes) stating that the cat / kitten has had a general health check, the outcomes of that general health check and the date of the general health check.

All cats / kittens being sold must have current vaccinations in accordance with the AVA recommendations and the cat / kitten vaccination and parasite control records must be provided to the new owner.

All cats / kittens being sold or given away must be implanted with a microchip by an authorised implanter and must be accompanied by a signed transfer of ownership form which is provided to the new owner upon collection of the animal. The breeder must supply their source code number issued by the Pet Exchange Register to the authorised implanter, and this will be recorded against the cat's microchip record. Any kittens sold as a pet must be desexed prior to leaving the breeder.

Where a cat / kitten has been desexed, the purchaser must be provided with a copy of the de-sexing certificate.

Members are reminded that entire cats / kittens may only be sold to another registered breeder who must be a current financial member of a governing body recognised by the ACF. Kitten sales must also only be carried out at the breeder's place of residence.

Note

It is recommended that breeders obtain the new owner's signature on the microchip transfer form and submit the form on behalf of themselves and the purchaser. This will ensure that the microchip is transferred into the new owner's name promptly. A photocopy of the signed form should be provided to the purchaser.

Cats / kittens may be sold at any time but must not permanently leave the property before 10 weeks of age.

They may be transported away from the property for short periods only for the purposes of veterinary care prior to 10 weeks.

New owners must be provided with literature about:

- appropriate feeding
- de-sexing record
- parasite control
- health, including procedures for emergency treatment during the guarantee period
- housing
- responsible pet ownership, including current legislation covering the registration of a pet cat / kitten with local council.
- the importance of socialisation for cats
- the cat / kittens pedigree issued by GCCFV (this may be either a pet pedigree or full pedigree – full pedigrees are only available to be issued where the person is a member of a governing body, otherwise a pet only pedigree will be issued)
- breeders contact information
- vaccination including vaccination record and information about the ongoing recommended vaccination schedule

There is literature available free of charge on the AWW website on many of these subjects, through local councils, or breeders may wish to develop their own.