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Member Education Series

Health Management Plan

A health management plan should be made by all breeder members.

The health management plan must include protocols for:

- assessment for admission of new breeding cats
- protocols for quarantine and movement of cats, including introduction of new cats.
- provision of appropriate breed specific diet for all cats and appropriate storage of food
- hygiene, disinfection and disease prevention
- vaccination programs
- external parasite prevention and treatment programs including ear mites, dermatophytes and ringworm
- internal parasite prevention and treatment programs
- investigation and treatment of cats showing signs of chlamydia
- procedure for the investigation and management of FIP (Feline Infectious Peritonitis). Repeated cases of diarrhoea leading to the suspicion of FIP must undertake investigation by means of autopsy of cats that die or are euthanised due to their symptoms. Cats showing clinical symptoms must be provided with palliative care prior to humane euthanasia. A management and breeding plan should be developed where multiple cases are confirmed.
- response to a general outbreak of disease
- grooming requirements
- approved methods of euthanasia for emergency situations
- birthing protocols
- environmental enrichment and socialisation programs
- assessment programs for the health and welfare of kittens being reared for sale or as replacement breeding animals
- health and behavioural assessment for kittens for sale
- behavioural and welfare assessment of cats on a daily basis
- assessment for determining the suitability of breeding animals to continue in breeding program
- assessment for long term management, de-sexing and/or suitability for rehoming or euthanasia of retired breeding animals
- risk assessments of housing and exercise areas and risk management plan/s
- pest management protocols
- development and display of emergency response plans for both humans and animals including evacuation procedures.

A guide of how to develop a health management plan is available on the AWW website, and should be made in consultation with your vet.