

## Code of Conduct for Members of The Bengal Cat Club

1. Members undertake to house, feed and care for all their cats and kittens and to obtain veterinary assistance when required.
2. Members undertake to use only studs and queens that are healthy, that have no veterinary defect as listed in the preface to the G.C.C.F. Standard of Points booklet, that have no obvious hereditary defects and that are on the G.C.C.F. Active Register.
3. Members undertake to keep records of their kittens with regard to any illness requiring veterinary treatment and to make these records available to purchasers at the time that the kitten is sold.
4. Members undertake not to sell kittens under the age of thirteen weeks. All such kittens will be fully inoculated, in good health and registered with the G.C.C.F. or similar bone fide registration organisation.
5. Members undertake to take care in selling cats or kittens and undertake that no cat or kitten will be knowingly sold to pet shops or other traders.
6. Members undertake to give guidance to the owners of a new kitten and undertake to help with rehoming if the owners' circumstances change.
7. Members undertake not to sell kittens for showing or breeding when it is apparent at the time of sale that the kitten does not have showing or breeding potential.

I/we agree to abide by this code of conduct.

**Signed** .....

**NAME** .....

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When you are accepted as a member, a copy of this code of conduct will be sent for you to keep.

### NOTES:

- (i) The Bengal Cat Club recommends that kittens should be fully vaccinated against Feline Infectious Enteritis, Cat 'Flu' and Feline Leukaemia before they go to their new homes.
- (ii) The Bengal Cat Club recommends that, if a cat is bought for breeding and is taken to a cat at open stud, the premises should be inspected before leaving the queen. Both the stud and the queen should be registered for breeding with a bone fide registration organisation and be fully vaccinated. Current vaccination and FeLV/FIV test certificates should also be available for inspection. A G.C.C.F. registered stud should have a certificate of entirety lodged with the G.C.C.F.
- (iii) The Bengal Cat Club recommends that would-be purchasers of F1, F2, and F3 (first, second and third generations from the wild) cats of Bengal type should not do so without taking full advice from an experienced Bengal breeder.
- (iv) The Bengal Cat Club recommends that F1, F2, and F3 cats of Bengal type should not be exhibited.
- (v) Would-be purchasers of F1 (first generation from the wild) hybrid cats of Bengal type should be aware that such cats will not be registered by the G.C.C.F. and that a dangerous Wild Animal Licence is required in order to keep them. Application should be made to the relevant local authority.
- (vi) Would-be purchasers of F2 (second generation from the wild) cats of Bengal type should be aware that such cats will not be registered by the G.C.C.F.