

## CANADIAN CAT ASSOCIATION CODE OF ETHICS

The Canadian Cat Association advances, encourages, and promotes the welfare, preservation and registration of all pedigreed and domestic cats. Membership is open to any person who is interested in supporting the aims of the association.

In order to achieve the goals and objectives of The Canadian Cat Association, members agree to practice the following principals:

1. All members will abstain from activities detrimental to the best interests of all cats and the Canadian Cat Association.
2. All members will provide their cats with hygienic living quarters, regular veterinary health care, proper nutrition and regular grooming.
3. Breeders will strive to breed pedigreed cats with care and discrimination by following ethical breeding practices which includes the health and temperament of the breed. Breeders will keep accurate records of mating, births, and exhibiting.
4. Breeders will not sell their kittens or cats to pet stores or any other indirect agents.
5. Breeders will sell their cats/kittens through a signed contract, and will abide by and will honour the terms of their contract.
6. In the best interest of the kittens or cats Breeders should either microchip or educate the new owner of the importance of a microchip.
7. In the best interest of the kittens or cats Breeders will Spay/Neuter (S/N) all pet kittens sold, however if early S/N is not the choice of the Breeder then a contract agreement must be used where the new owner agrees to have S/N preformed before an agreed upon age (i.e. 9 months).
8. Breeders will not knowingly sell sick kittens or cats and will disclose any known illnesses or problems to the new owner prior to placement.
9. All members will comply with the Show Rules and the By-Laws published by the Canadian Cat Association. It is the members' responsibility to familiarize themselves with changes to these rules as they occur.
10. Breeders will familiarize themselves with their breed, their breed standard and allowed matings for their breed as per CCA rules of registration, using the outcrosses listed only in the standards for that breed.

11. In order to maintain and improve each breed's characteristics, the Canadian Cat Association encourages the participation in competitive cat shows and breed displays and joining the CCA Breed Section for their chosen breed.
12. All members will conduct themselves in a fair, honest and sportsman-like manner (in and out of the show ring) whether participating in the role of judge, clerk, exhibitor or spectator.
13. All members will attempt to positively educate the general public on matters affecting the welfare of all cats.
14. All members will welcome, educate and encourage newcomers to show their cats and join the Canadian Cat Association.

The Canadian Cat Association encourages its members to voluntarily comply with CCA's Code of Ethics.

Please be advised that the CCA/AFC cannot take any legal action to enforce the code of ethics, however, a process for formal complaint investigation is available.

The only action the CCA can take is to revoke an individual from our membership for a specified length of time or permanently. This outcome must be based on evidence of a violation determined through the process of an investigation and the severity of the violation.

If any CCA member has a complaint concerning a member in violation of the Code of Ethics the concern must be filed as a formal written complaint as follows:

1. The particulars of the Code of Ethics violation must be made in writing.
2. This written complaint must be submitted along with the prescribed processing fee as outlined in the CCA Rules to the Executive Secretary within 3 months of the violation
3. A complaint made after the 3 months deadline, will be kept on file for a period of 1 year in which if another same violation is submitted the former violation may be reinstated and investigated with the current one.