



Cats United WA Inc
Membership Application Form
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Cats United WA Bylaws – Draft Version

These rules are in addition to the associations Model Rules

Bylaw 1. Code of Conduct for Members

Members of Cats United WA as a condition of membership agree to abide by the Rules, Guidelines and Policies of the Association.

Members of Cats United WA are expected to act with integrity, to demonstrate good sportsmanship where competition is concerned

Members are to have good knowledge of animal care and husbandry and abide by high standards of animal welfare. This includes providing appropriate shelter, nutrition, enrichment and veterinary care of animals they are responsible for. This includes compliance with relevant legislation including the WA Cat Act (2011).

Members and Club Affiliates shall, at all times, act within the spirit of the objectives of the Cats United WA Model Rules as set out in clause B.

As the Cat Fancy is made up of various organisations with individual goals & objects, conflicts of interest may arise and need to be acknowledged.

Acting within the spirit of the objectives of the Cats United WA Model Rules includes but is not limited to:

- promoting the objects of the Association;
- engaging in a courteous and professional manner with each other and/or with the public;
- not bringing the Association into disrepute or otherwise attract negative publicity whether in person,
- in writing and/or in particular via use of social media, such as use of “Facebook” (refer Social Media Policy for more detail);
- abiding by the policy of Responsible Cat Ownership.

A breach of any of these policies as set out in the Associations Bylaws may result in consequences set out in the Model Rules, Division 2 — Disciplinary action.

Bylaw 2. Guidelines for Cats United WA Committee Members

Cats United WA is an incorporated body subject to corporate law and as such needs to be managed in an efficient, transparent and accountable manner on behalf of the membership.

As a member of the Committee of Cats United WA, you have taken on a responsibility to act at all times on behalf of the association. In effect you are a Director of Cats United WA and you have duties under common law which are:

- to act honestly in the exercise of your powers and in the discharge of your responsibilities;
- to exercise a reasonable degree of care and diligence;
- to ensure that Cats United WA is compliant with the relevant legislation
- to ensure that you are presented with an understandable financial statement at each meeting and a full set of accounts before the AGM
- to declare any conflicts of interest
- to not make improper use of information acquired to gain advantage for yourself or others; and
- to not make improper use of your position to gain an advantage for yourself or others or to cause detriment to the association.

To be an active and effective member, you must be informed.

- You are expected to have a working knowledge of Cats United WA Model Rules, Policies and Guidelines (if you do not have copies, ask the Cats United WA Secretary to send you copies, or go to the Cats United WA website);
- be aware of current WA legislation including the WA Cat Act (2011) and the Animal Welfare Act 2002 and also of relevant Local Government Regulations.

At meetings:

- you will show respect for other members
- address all comments and questions through the chair of the meeting and accept the ruling of the chair whether you agree with it or not
- the first item on the agenda at any meeting should be to declare any conflict of interest with any item listed
- do not discuss matters outside of the meeting (particularly observe any 'in camera' ruling) until and unless these have been publicized by the Secretary.

In-camera describes that section of a committee meeting that is closed whilst information is discussed that is not recorded in the minutes or divulged to the general membership or the public. Such sessions may discuss incidents or people, financial, legal or other sensitive decisions that must be kept confidential, but allow full and open debate strictly between those present and strictly at that time only. That means that all people present at the meeting are bound not to divulge any of the discussion, even to close friends or family members.

- If you wish to raise a matter, write to the Secretary prior to the meeting to have this put on the agenda. Other matters may be raised in Any Other Business but usually these will be of a minor or procedural nature only. New business must be an agenda item and accompanying documents must be circulated ahead of the meeting.
- be well prepared for the meeting: read the agenda prior, be aware of the topics that will be discussed;
- ask questions if necessary, be involved, be a good listener, respect others.

Outside of meetings:

- actively promote Cats United WA
- be a good ambassador for the Association being courteous, respectful, encouraging.
- do not use social media to pass opinion on Cats United WA matters or denigrate any fellow member, exhibitor or breeder or their animals.

The members of the Committee shall not be from the same household during their term of office of the association.

I have read and understood the above guidelines and have copies of Cats United WA Model Rules, Cats United WA Show Rules, & Cats United WA Bylaws (which include but not limited to: Responsible Cat Ownership, Cat Breeding, and Social Media)

(A copy of this By-Law is to be signed by all incoming committee members)

Bylaw 3. Social Media Policy

Social media provides an excellent opportunity for people to gather in online communities of shared interest, to share knowledge, celebrate success and to learn about the cat fancy. Cats United WA sees social media as an important tool of engagement.

Social media includes, but is not limited to:

- social networking sites such as: Facebook, MySpace, Bebo, Friendster, LinkedIn
- video and photo sharing websites e.g. Flickr, YouTube
- blogging sites e.g. Twitter, personal blogs or blogs hosted by traditional media publications
- forums and discussion boards such as Whirlpool, Yahoo! Groups or Google Groups
- any other web sites that allow individual users to use simple publishing tools.

The essential guiding principles are:

- ensure that you are fully aware who you are representing
- any and all references to Cats United WA are correct, accurate and in line with the Policies of Cats United WA
- refrain from making negative comments about other members, members cats, or the Association
- demonstrate respect for the individual and communities with which you interact at all times
- be aware that negative comments can be at least hurtful, at worst defamatory and are difficult to rescind or recall
- do not bring the association into disrepute or otherwise attract negative publicity .

You are required to:

- Be respectful of all individuals and communities with which you interact online;
- Be polite and respectful of others' opinions, even in times of heated discussion and debate;
- Adhere to the Terms Of Use, and seek to conform to the cultural and behavioural norms, of the social media platform being used;
- Respect copyright, privacy, financial disclosure and other applicable laws when publishing on social media platforms.

This policy is applied if you choose to make references to Cats United WA, its office bearers, members or services, its competitors, and/or other related individuals or organisations when you are using a social media platform in a personal capacity. It is important in these circumstances that readers of your posts do not misconstrue your personal comments as representing an official Cats United WA position.

A breach of this policy shall constitute a contravention of the Rules, giving rise to the consequences set out in the Model Rules, Division 2 — Disciplinary action.

Bylaw 4. Public Advice Given On Behalf Of The Association

Cats United WA appreciates that volunteers donate their time generously, for the benefit of cat owners and breeders and the Association.

Members of Cats United WA may from time to time find themselves in a position of giving public advice whilst representing the Association. This may occur at cat shows or at 'expos' or such.

Cats United WA considers that it is important that the advice given out by people representing the association is consistent, that there are no misunderstandings, and each person is giving the same message, in line with the guidelines set out in this policy.

When in the position of giving Public Advice volunteers must be mindful they represent the association and therefore have to be cautious with any comments made regarding Cats United WA and any of its representatives, and must have a good knowledge of Cats United WA Rules and Policies, or refer the person to a more experienced member.

Volunteers in this position offer basic advice on general health and welfare of cats, it is therefore essential that they agree with and discuss with potential purchasers:

- The Cats United WA Policy on Responsible Cat Ownership
- That it is not recommended to purchase a kitten that is under 12 weeks of age, shows any adverse behavioural tendencies or does not appear in perfect health, i.e. not accepting a kitten that is sneezing, has runny eyes or nose, appears to have diarrhoea, is unduly timid or fractious, etc.
- Checking the kitten has had at least 2 vaccinations, for at least Feline Enteritis and 'Cat Flu
- Checking that the vaccination certificate for the kitten is signed by a veterinarian.

If you are speaking to someone who is enquiring about buying a kitten It is important to make it clear to the person you are talking to that:

- Cats United WA offers a list of breeders on the Cats United WA Website that may have kittens for sale - they are not necessarily recommended breeders, as Cats United WA cannot guarantee the conditions under which they are raised
- Stress that the onus is on the purchaser to check out the cattery
- Recommended that the purchaser visit several catteries
- **Draw their attention to the Cats United WA website, and the information pamphlet "Cat Breeding Basics" for more detailed information (offer to email this to them)**

If a complaint is received about a breeder the person should be asked to put it in writing to the Secretary of Cats United WA. There should be no discussion about the matter.

Bylaw 5. Responsible Cat Ownership

Cats play a valuable role in the family and community as companions. Members of Cats United WA will actively promote the benefits of ownership, and as an inherent part of that, Responsible Cat Ownership. The welfare of the cat is always the priority.

Responsible Cat Ownership includes, but is not limited to:

- providing a clean, healthy environment and appropriate diet for your cats at all life stages
- not allowing animals to roam. Containment of cats can help to protect cats from disease and injury through fighting and accidents, increase the opportunity for owner-animal interaction and reduce the impact of hunting by cats and disturbance caused to neighbours. Where cats are contained, steps must be taken to ensure that adequate exercise and environmental enrichment are available. Access to an outdoor escape-proof enclosure greatly increases the opportunity for activity and stimulation for confined cats. Enclosures need to be of a size that cats can exhibit normal behavior, eg, to be able to run, jump, climb and play, and be protected from extremes of temperature and weather.
- ensuring permanent identification with a microchip that has been recorded with a microchip registry
- desexing all animals not intended for breeding
- providing adequate attention and enrichment – physical and mental, to compensate for the loss of freedom and prevent unwanted behaviours
- providing regular health checks and vaccinations
- not over breeding from any one cat
- limiting the number of animals owned to a number that can be effectively managed and individually handled daily
- providing information to new owners on diet and responsible ownership
- ensuring no public nuisance is created by noise, smell, uncontrolled cats, etc.
- adherence to the WA Cat Act (2011) as well as Local Government Bylaws.

We recommend our members undertake personal research using websites, government resources and guides as well as social media groups to educate themselves of responsible cat ownership further.

Bylaw 6 Code of Conduct and Guidelines for Cats United WA Breeders

New breeders applying for a Cattery Prefix and existing breeders joining Cats United WA will be required to sign that they have read & understood this document & agree to abide by the basic principles below

Breeding

- In order to be a breeder with Cats United WA you must own or apply for a registered registered prefix and pay an annual breeders registration fee
- The cattery or area of the house where the breeding and other cats and kittens are kept must appear clean, with no undue odour (there may be some smell attached where a stud cat is housed).
- Cats and kittens will appear healthy, happy and active. There must be no more cats/kittens than the breeder and their family can effectively care for.
- The cats/kittens must be raised in an environment that offers them physical and mental stimulation, and kittens should be regularly and individually handled.
- Kittens should only be placed in homes where the breeder genuinely believes the new owner will provide a life-long commitment of responsible pet ownership.
- The breeder breeds with the intention of improving or maintaining the standard of the breed, and not solely for commercial purposes, and is familiar with the current relevant standards.

- The breeder will not knowingly sell any cat/kitten to a commercial cat wholesaler, retail pet dealer or directly or indirectly allow cats/kittens to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind.
- Cats and kittens will only be relinquished to a shelter as a last resort and only after the Association has been contacted to request help first.
- Whilst breeders know their own cats best it is the Associations guideline that female cats under the age of 10 months of age will not usually be mated. It is also recommended that cats have short breeding careers notwithstanding acceptance that many cats do well breeding for a longer than normal period. Breeders should use their best judgement always with the best interest of the cats in mind.
- Matings should be spaced such that no queen will deliver a litter more than twice in a calendar year. Three litters over two years is recommended
- No cat, male or female, will be intentionally mated to a cat of a different breed or to a domestic cat unless it is part of an approved experimental program.
- The breeder will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed, nor falsely advertise, or knowingly mislead any person regarding the showing performance of any cat.
- Any kitten that is to be sent interstate or overseas will be a minimum of 12 weeks of age.
- The breeder will not knowingly breed from a cat, male or female, known to exhibit or carry any genetically transmitted trait or defect that may affect the health of the breed. Breeders should be familiar with potential problems within their breed and where possible the Association strongly advises have their cats DNA tested or other and remove any affected cats and carriers from breeding programs.
- Breeders of cats that have more than one blood type common in the breed should DNA test their breeding cats and know their blood types. The breeder should take steps to do appropriate matings and educate themselves on the care for newborn kittens from incompatible matings

Sale of Kittens

- Kittens are not go to new homes unless they are vaccinated in general good health and are at least 12 weeks of age
- The kittens should have had at least two vaccinations following you vets recommendations. A good guide is one at 8 weeks and one at 12 weeks.
- The Core Vaccination is to protect against Feline Enteritis, Feline Herpesvirus and Feline Calicivirus known as 'F3'. This is the minimum vaccination required for kittens and cats bred and owned by Cats United WA breeders. Other vaccines are available for use at breeder and vets discretion.
- Upon the sale of the kitten the breeder will provide the new owner with a current vaccination certificate for that kitten issued and signed by the veterinary surgeon who carried out the vaccinations and corresponding health checks.
- In line with best practice and WA legislation all kittens must be desexed prior to sale to a new owner. In limited circumstances if the kitten cannot be desexed the cost of the desexing must be included in the purchase price and a "voucher" given for the desexing at the breeders choice of vet. This must be followed up by the breeder and occur before the kitten is five months of age.
- The kitten must be microchipped before sale to the new owner and the breeder is responsible for registering the new owner against the chips details in the database it is recorded in.

Breeders should be prepared to give ongoing advice and support to the new owners, not just at the time of sale. The breeder must provide the new owner with:

- Their contact details in writing, including phone number and email address;
- Written details of all dietary requirements, especially what the kitten is being fed currently;
- Vaccination certificates signed by a veterinary surgeon.

It is good practice to discuss and also provide:

- Information on responsible cat ownership, which includes:
 - Identification; desexing; confining; housing, including info on mental & physical stimulation for
 - the cat; litter box training, integrating with other household pets and common behavioural problems; and any other information that will ensure the cat/kitten fits into its new environment with minimum stress.
- A sales contract, which will detail:
 - a statement that the kitten/cat is in good health at the time of sale. If the kitten contracts any illness within 7 days, the breeder will discuss options which may include agreeing to contribute to veterinary bills (breeders may insist on their own vet), or even taking the kitten back;
 - requirement that the kitten be spayed or neutered by five months of age (if not sold already neutered) and not be allowed to produce any offspring (unless a breeding arrangement has been entered into and the new owner is a registered breeder);
 - Pedigree: a properly completed and signed pedigree showing at least four generations, colours, and the breeder's name and address. This can be the kittens registered pedigree if registered prior to sale. If the kitten is not registered prior to sale the breeder must tell the new owner that the kitten will be registered and provide them with a nother form of pedigree that complies to the above. All kittens must be registered before 12 months.
 - Cats United WA and other club membership forms and other available information pamphlets on showing, etc or direct the new owner to the Cats United WA website. Cats United WA appreciates the role breeders play in encouraging new members to the cat fancy.
- The breeder will encourage the purchaser to make contact if he/she has any questions or concerns and the breeder will respond in a timely manner.
- The breeder will ensure that the registered breeder purchaser of a stud male is made fully aware of the care, responsibility and the standard of facilities required to keep an entire male cat.
- The breeder will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise cats nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of any cat or kitten.
- The breeder is required to act appropriately and legally with regards to the sale transaction and handling of monies.

Registration

- All kittens in all litters should be individually registered before six months of age. After six month the fee to register increases. All kittens must be registered **prior to 12 months of age or within two months of sale to a new owner**

- If the individual cat/kitten is to be registered to the new owner, the paperwork should be sent to the Registrar as soon as practicable. This may be at the time of registration of the kitten or after the sale of the kitten.
- Cats United WA maintains two registers of cats. The kitten may be registered as
 - breeding which means they are entire, retained by the breeder or transferred to a fellow registered breeder or
 - pet which means they are desexed and a pet cat.
- Both breeding and pet cats can be show cats.
- Should the breeder wish to place restrictions on the use of a particular cat or kitten they must negotiate with the new owner directly. It is recommended that this is done in writing and both parties sign. Cats United WA offers no opinion on to the legalities of such agreements.

Bylaw 7. Code of Conduct for Cats United Judges

A Judge

- shall have satisfactorily completed appropriate training, be competent, personable, and well presented.
- shall possess a sound knowledge of and be able to apply the breed standards and shall keep informed of new breeds and any changes to existing standards of points.
- represents the association and should at all times promote and uphold the Objects of the association.
- shall have a working knowledge of the Rules and By Laws of the Association and the CCCA.
- shall at all times act with integrity and fairness.

Conflict of interest

- Judge shall not judge their own exhibit.
- A Judge shall not judge an exhibit which they directly or indirectly, alone or jointly own or lease.
- A Judge shall not judge an exhibit which they directly or indirectly, either alone or jointly with another owned or leased within **three months** of the date of the Show at which they officiate.
- An exhibit causing or likely to cause this clause to be contravened shall be ineligible to compete in any section of judging in which the Judge concerned is to officiate.
- For the purpose of this section an exhibit will be deemed to be the subject of this section if it is an exhibit in which the Judge or Judge's spouse or partner or siblings or children or parents have or have had a direct or indirect proprietary interest.
- Judges are obliged to advise the purchaser or lessee of any exhibit affected by this section as to the showing restrictions imposed by the above clauses. Failure to do so may be deemed by the Committee as misconduct.
- Judges should where possible not travel to shows in a private vehicle with exhibitors who have entered under them for that particular show. Cats United WA understands that in order to have judges visit for shows and to reduce the cost of shows to exhibitors instances like this do occur. In such situations the cats should be obscured if possible but the judge should be respected and it should be the case that the judge is always assume to be above influence.

Exhibits

- Judges shall make the welfare of the cat a priority at all times.
- If a cat is unwilling to be handled after a reasonable attempt, it should not be judged.
- The recommended maximum number of exhibits the judges are expected to handle in an assignment is 100. Allowances may be made if the judge is informed prior to the show and willingly agrees.

Show Management

Judges should not solicit judging assignments.

- Judges should reply promptly to invitations to judge. Once an engagement has been accepted a contract exists between the Judge and the Club concerned which should only be altered by mutual agreement. In the event of a cancellation becoming inevitable, the other party should be notified immediately.
- Judges should not accept invitations to judge open classes at shows if they have judged the same classes at shows in the same state within three months. It is the responsibility of the judge to keep an accurate diary to prevent bookings overlapping. Exceptions to this may occur if the organisers of both shows accept and agree to a closer time frame

Exhibitors

- Judges should discourage conversation with exhibitors before an assignment or judging of a particular group or class is completed, but should be available at the end of judging to answer questions from exhibitors and members of the public.

Working with Fellow Judges & Stewards

- If undertaking side classes always ask permission to proceed if an open class judge is handling the same cats
- Do not offer unsolicited opinions to fellow judges.
- Judges should play an active role in training stewards & take every opportunity to encourage and inform them.

Judges Licences

- The Cats United Committee shall have the power to grant, suspend or revoke Judges Licences
- The levels of judges licensed by Cats United WA are as follows
 - Trainee Judge - A candidate accepted for training as a judge of shorthair or longhair breeds, who is not yet qualified.
 - Probationary Judge - A qualified and licensed judge for shorthair or longhair breeds, who is able to judge only Cats United WA and affiliated club shows and who is completing the CCCA Minimum Requirements For Judges Probationary Judge requirements.
 - Qualified Judge - The holder of a full licence to judge shorthair or longhair breeds, who has completed the minimum training and probationary period as outlined in CCCA Minimum Requirements For Judges guidelines and is entitled to be included on the CCCA judges list.
 - All Breeds Judge - A judge qualified in all breed groups who has completed their probationary licence periods.
 - Senior Specialist Judge - The holder of a full licence to judge for at least five years is eligible for membership of the CCCA Tutor Judges Panel.

- Senior All Breeds Judge - The holder of a full licence for at least five years in all breed groups.
- CCCA Tutor Judge - Any Senior Judge may be appointed as a CCCA Tutor Judge on recommendation of their member organisation.

Criteria for Retaining Judge's Licence

To remain on the active Cats United WA judge's list, a judge must:

- Be a financial member of Cats United WA
- Be up to date with new or uncommon breeds within the Group for which license is held. If actual exhibits are not available for training sessions and seminars, videos, web site information, and any available literature should be used for training purposes.
- Judge at least once a year either interstate or locally unless a leave of absence is requested in writing from the Cats United WA committee
- If leave of absence is requested for 24 months or more, then a judge must judge 2 assignments of kitten and/or desex classes prior to restoration onto the full Cats United WA Judges Register
- Judges transferring to Cats United WA from other control bodies must be able to supply documents verifying all previous judges' qualifications and be approved by the Cats United WA committee.
- Judges must notify Cats United WA Secretary in writing of interstate and overseas assignments.

CCCA Judges list

- The holder of a full licence to judge shorthair or longhair breeds, who has completed the minimum training as outlined in the CCCA guidelines (refer: <http://www.cccofoa.asn.au/> 'CCCA Judges – Minimum Requirements') and their probationary licence period, is entitled to be included on the CCCA judges list following recommendation from their member body.

Note: Cats United WA as a condition of Membership of CCCA agrees to direct their judges to seek permission before Judging Interstate, as councils do not approve invitations to unrecognised bodies, and CCCA Members must advise their affiliates that they should not forward Judging to Judges affiliated with unrecognised bodies.

- Any judge listed on the CCCA judges list who officiates at a show or event conducted by a non-recognised body shall be reported to CCCA for the appropriate action to be taken.

Bylaw 8. Registration Rules

Definitions

- The **Association** means the Cats United WA.
- **Registered** means registered in the database of Cats United WA unless otherwise stated.
- The term **cat** includes **kitten** where kittens are eligible, unless otherwise stated.
- **Month** means calendar month.
- **CCCA** is the Coordinating Cat Council of Australia, of which Cats United WA is a member.
- **Pending** refers only to registrations where the paperwork has been submitted to the Registrar and which are awaiting processing.

The Cats United WA Database

- The association shall keep and maintain a register of cats.
- The association may refuse an application for registration without having to assign a reason.
- The person whose name is in the register as the owner of the cat shall be deemed to be the owner.
- In the case of a partnership both parties shall be deemed to be co-owners and where required, both signatures shall be required
- If a signature of one of the parties is unattainable, a Statutory Declaration, signed before a JP may be accepted.
- **Forms relating to application for registration, transfer, prefix, etc, can be downloaded from the Cats United WA website or contact the Cats United WA Secretary. >>>> this will change to be available from members portal**
- To gain points for Cats United WA **Cat Of The Year Points** <maybe we could call the annual awards or something else so as to be different to catsWA and COAWA> a cat must be registered with Cats United WA and the owner a financial member of Cats United WA.

Eligibility

- A person shall not be entitled to initially register a cat unless they are the breeder of the cat.
- Except with the approval of the association, a cat shall not be eligible for registration with Cats United WA unless:
 - its sire and dam are each registered, and
 - the dam is registered in the Cats United WA database, and
 - the sire is registered with Cats United WA or a body recognised by Cats United WA.
- Cats United WA will not accept into its register any cat which is registered with a control body not recognised by CCCA.
- Cats United WA will not accept into its register any cat which has been deregistered by a CCCA Member Body.
- All CCCA Members will be notified of any cat which is deregistered.

Registration Numbers & Names

- A unique number shall be allocated to each cat registered with the association.
- A cat shall be assigned an identifier upon registration in the register which shall include in the following order:
 - the breeder's registered prefix
 - a name containing letters only which must not exceed thirty five characters including prefix and spaces between words
 - the registration number
- The registered number for kittens registered to Cats United WA members will be in the form of a registration number, CU and the year ie 052CU18
- Cats and kittens transferred into the Cats United WA database shall have the addition of /CU and the year added after their existing registration number.
- A cat shall not be registered with a name that is the same as or close to or likely to mislead as another cat of that name.
- Once registered, a name cannot be altered, except in the case of an error or duplication being discovered, in which case the Registrar should notify the Cats United WA Committee of the alteration so that it is recorded in the minutes of a Cats United WA Committee meeting.

- A kitten under six months of age may be reclassified for colour or pattern at the written request of its owner and at the discretion of the Cats United WA registrar. If an older kitten or cat requires reclassification of colour or pattern after individual registration it will need to be reclassified by three judges qualified to judge the group in which it belongs. Judges will need to sign a document which shows the cats full name, sex and advising the change of colour or pattern from the existing to the new colour or pattern

Designation of breeding or non-breeding

- Applications for individual registrations should be marked as breeding or pet.
- Breeders may choose to put other conditions on the sale of a cat and this becomes a contract between the breeder and the new owner, provided it is signed by both parties.

Transfers

- The transfer of a registered cat to another owner must be accompanied by:
 - A copy of the original Cats United WA certificate, and
 - the correct Cats United WA form (available from Cats United WA website) and appropriate fee. <will change with portal>
 - A cat registered with any control body recognized by Cats United WA may only be registered with the association after it has been transferred to the Cats United WA owner.
- The owner of the cat must include with the application:
 - the current registration form
 - a copy of pedigree showing three generations of registration numbers, colours and the breeders signature, and
 - the appropriate fee.
- Transfer of registration must be applied for within 30 days of change of ownership.
- Cats purchased from within other control bodies must comply with the association's breeding rules before acceptance onto the full register.
- A cat must be registered within the body in which the dam is registered before it can be transferred to another Control Body.
- The association will not accept onto its register any cat which has not previously been transferred through its original registering body.
- Cats transferred between CCCA member bodies will retain their original registration numbers followed by the initials of the registering body (eg Cats United WA shows as /CU year).
- The Registration certificate stamped and initialed by the Registrar acts as a certified pedigree.

Litters

- All kittens in a litter must be registered together on a single registration form. If a stud service is used the registration must be accompanied by a completed stud form, signed by the sire owner and, if the sire is not owned by a Cats United WA member, a four generation certified pedigree for the sire which must show colours and registration numbers.
- Kittens must be registered by the age of 6 months. After this age the fee to register increases and all kittens must be registered by twelve month of age or **within two months of sale to a new owner**. The registrar reserves the right to refuse an application after that time unless a reasonable explanation can be supplied. If accepted, the fee will be doubled.

Cattery Prefix

- The applicant(s) must be a financial member(s) of Cats United WA and agree to abide by the Rules and By Laws of Cats United WA. Prefixes may be held by joint members providing all are financial members. **Particular attention is drawn to Section 4, Responsible Cat Ownership and Section 5, Cat Breeding: Basic Guidelines. <update for name and number>**
- Prefix Application must be one word only of not more than fifteen characters. Prefixes must be only composed of letters, no spaces and no other characters or punctuation.
- Three choices of name should be supplied that are preferably sufficiently different to save time by preventing having to return the application because it conflicts with a name elsewhere. It is a good idea to do some checking online to see if the prefix is already in use. Members should remember when making a choice of name that when registering cats or kittens the total name must not exceed thirty five letters including prefix.
- The Registrar will then take steps to clear this new name throughout recognized control bodies in Australia which may take some time.
- The applicant may not use any of the chosen names until they receive official notification from the Cats United WA Registrar.

Experimental & New Breeds

- Experimental breeding allows a breeder to breed outside of the current breed standards so as to achieve a positive objective. This may be to create a new breed, to introduce a new colour, pattern or other trait to a breed or to expand the available gene pool of a breed.
- **<TBA>**

Leasing

- A lease is a contractual arrangement between the lessee (new 'owner') and the lessor (original owner) for a period of time. During such time for all intents and purposes, the lessee has the rights of ownership of the animal.
- To register a lease the breeder must put in a written application including a letter from the current registered owner (lessor) and signed also by the lessee stating the term of the lease and any conditions attached. Also included must be a copy of leased cats certified pedigree showing colours and registration numbers and the appropriate fee.

Copies

- Duplicate registrations will be provided only after the registrar is satisfied that the registration has been genuinely lost.

Fees

- Refer to Cats United WA website for current fees or contact the Cats United WA Secretary.

Additional Cats United WA Rules

Dual Membership not allowed

- Members of Cats United WA may not be members of other registering bodies ie dual membership is not allowed. Further a Cats United WA member may not share a household with a member of another registering body.

Insurance

- When a member uses their car to drive judges they must have a valid license and they must have compulsory third party insurance
- Members must notify secretary of any incidents or events that may give rise to a claim against the organisation so that he/she can maintain a record of such.

Recognition of Breeds, Colours and Patterns

- Cats United WA adopts the breed standards as written and published by CCCA. In addition to this the association recognises the following locally at all Cats United WA and affiliate shows
 - The Neva Masquerade breed – as per the CCCA standard for Siberian cats with the addition of colour point colours.

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