



REGISTERED BREEDERS CODE OF ETHICS

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The British Ragdoll Cat Club **requires** that Breeders registered with the Club must sign the undemoted declaration confirming that they fully understand and agree to abide by the items set out in the following Code of Ethics.

1. PURPOSE OF CODE OF ETHICS

It is the aim of the Club to look after the general health and welfare of the Ragdoll breed and to set down reasonable guidelines within which breeders should operate.

2. HEALTH & WELFARE

- a) Every cat/kitten should be in excellent health when leaving the household or cattery. It should be free of any parasites, fungus or disease.
- b) It is required that all Probationary breeders are visited by an **experienced designated TBRC** Registered Breeder at least once before being added to the list as a **Probationer Breeder**. This is to ensure that help is given into the set up and running of a breeding household.
- c) It is required that the cat/kitten has completed a course of vaccinations against enteritis and cat 'flu before leaving the household or cattery and at the time the kitten leaves home the vaccination card is given to the new owner. It is recommended that you discuss other vaccinations with your veterinary surgeon.
- d) It is **essential** that the breeder's veterinary surgeon carries out a general health check and confirmation of sex when the kitten has its final vaccination.
- e) It is recommended that breeders insure their cats/kittens for at least the first 4 weeks after leaving their household or cattery and encourage new owners to continue the insurance.
- f) The breeder should provide the buyer with guidelines for feeding, grooming and raising a Ragdoll.

3. PEDIGREE/TRANSFER CERTIFICATE

- a) In accordance with the GCCF Rules 10a. and 10b. the breeder **MUST** supply a 4 generation pedigree at the time the cat/kitten leaves home, together with a signed Transfer Certificate, if this is available, unless in the case of a kitten sold as a pet it is jointly agreed in writing by both parties at the time of sale, that the Transfer Certificate will be forwarded by the breeder on receipt of a vet's letter confirming that the kitten has been neutered/spayed.

4. BREEDING QUEENS/STUDS

- a) The breeder must ensure to the best of their ability that kittens sold for breeding should not be from lines with any known health problems nor have any defects as listed in the preface to the GCCF Standard of Points booklet.
- b) Under NO circumstances should studs be sold to a household with no females, or should sell potential studs to households which have yet to breed and raise a litter of Ragdoll kittens. It is strongly recommended that Red Series males should NOT be sold to novice breeders without fully explaining the fact that when mated to a 'traditional' colour Queen, ALL female offspring will be Tortie and all male offspring will be Seal, Blue, Chocolate or Lilac. TBRC also strongly recommend that Red Series Males should not be sold as an only Stud, unless it is fully understood the implications of the colours involved in their offspring.
- c) A kitten sold as a potential breeding queen or stud should be an outstanding example of the breed and conform closely to the Standard of Points.
- d) **It is the responsibility of the breeder to be, or to provide, a mentor for any person to whom they have sold a Ragdoll with breeding potential.**

5. ADVERTISING

Breeders registered with The British Ragdoll Cat Club may refer to the Club in any advertisements, literature or web sites only for cats and kittens bred in strict accordance with the current Registration Policy for Ragdoll Cats, TBRC Breeding Policy and Code of Ethics.

6. ATTENDANCE AT SEMINARS

Probationary Breeders registered with the Club are required to attend two Seminars and have raised a litter of kittens prior to going onto the full Breeders' List.

7. CLUB DISCIPLINE

Members who are included in the Club's breeding lists will be removed from the said lists by the committee for the following:

- a) Any breeder disciplined by the GCCF for seriously contravening their Rules or Constitution.
- b) Any breeder who is proved to have broken the aforementioned code of ethics
- c) Any breeder selling any cat/kitten to pet shops or brokers or acting as brokers.
- d) Any breeder who deviates from the Club's advertising policy.
- e) Any breeder whose actions bring the Club into disrepute, or whose words or actions may be considered detrimental to the club, its members or their cats.

I/We have read and fully understand the above Registered Breeders Code of Ethics and hereby agree to abide by them.

Signed Date

Both must sign if joint Registered Breeder