



The Siberian Cat Club

Welcome

Breeder Membership

To be used in conjunction with the standard membership application or renewal form

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BREEDER INFORMATION					
Do you hold a registered Prefix?	YES/NO	Prefix :		Held Since:	
		Held with:	GCCF	TICA	FIFe
Website:					
Breeder Email:	To be used on Breeder Listing				
Breeder Tel. No.:	To be used on Breeder Listing				
No. of Queens:		No. of Studs:		No. of Neuters:	
Do you offer stud services?	YES/NO	Do you offer allergy sittings?	YES/NO		
FURTHER INFORMATION					
Are you new to Breeding Siberians?					YES/NO
If YES, do you have a Mentor? If Yes, Please give details in the space below.					YES/NO

PLEASE SIGN AND DATE THE FORM IN THE SPACE PROVIDED THEREBY ACCEPTING THE FOLLOWING DECLARATIONS:

I/We wish to become Breeder Members of The Siberian Cat Club and agree to be bound by the club's Breeder Code of Ethics (see overleaf). We confirm that the information submitted on this form is true and accurate.

Signature:		Date:	
Signature 2: <small>Joint Membership only</small>		Date:	

Please return this form, along with your Membership Application/Renewal, directly to the Membership Secretary:
CLAIRE NORMAN, 67, Grange Road, Broom, Rotherham. S60 3LH

Once your application is received you will be considered for Breeder membership, however your application will not be officially confirmed until after the next quarterly meeting. We will write to you shortly afterwards.

Breeder Code of Ethics

The Siberian Cat Club requires that Breeders registered with the Club must sign the following declaration confirming that they fully understand and agree to abide by the items in this Code of Ethics.

1. Purpose of this Code of Ethics

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

2. Health and Welfare

- a) All breeding cats and kittens should be kept in conditions appropriate for their health and welfare, including but not limited to:
 - Being kept in a suitable environment that is both clean and fit for purpose.
 - Being fed an appropriate diet for the cat's age and condition and having access to fresh water at all times.
 - Receiving all necessary medical care, including regular booster vaccinations, from a qualified Veterinary Surgeon.
 - Ensuring the cat is not neglected or maltreated in any way.
- b) When selling kittens or cats the breeder should make certain that the following criteria are met:
 - The Breeder should ensure that, to the best of their knowledge, every cat/kitten is in the best of health when leaving the household or cattery, and that it is free of any parasites, fungus, disease or hereditary defects.
 - No kitten should be permitted to go to a new home before thirteen (13) weeks of age, or seven (7) days after completing their full course of vaccinations; whichever is later, in accordance with GCCF policy (if registering with another registering body it is expected that you will adhere to their guidelines in addition to those stated above).
 - It is required that the cat/kitten has completed a full course of vaccinations against feline enteritis and cat flu before leaving the household or cattery, and that the vaccination card is given to the new owners. It is recommended that you discuss other vaccinations with your veterinary surgeon.
 - It is essential that the Breeder's veterinary surgeon carries out a general health check and confirmation of sex at the time vaccinations are administered.
 - The Breeder should provide the new owner with guidelines for feeding, grooming and raising a Siberian.
 - Breeders should recommend that the cat/kittens new owners should take the cat/kitten to the vets for a full health check within seven (7) days leaving the Breeder's household/cattery.
 - It is recommended that Breeders insure the cats/kittens for at least the first four (4) weeks after leaving their household or cattery and encourage new owners to continue the insurance.

3. Documentation

- a) In accordance with the GCCF Rules 10a and 10b the Breeder must supply the following upon the sale of every cat/kitten:
 - A Four generation pedigree.
 - A dated sales receipt for the full amount the cat/kitten is purchased for.
 - A sales contract to be signed by both the Breeder and buyer giving the name and registration details of the cat/kitten and the terms under which it is being sold. This contract should state clearly whether the cat/kitten is on the Active or Non-Active register and if it is being sold as a pet, for show or for breeding.
 - A signed Transfer Certificate (or a copy of the mating certificate if a Transfer is not available). Unless, in the case of a cat/kitten being sold as a pet, it is agreed in writing 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 cat/kitten has been neutered/spayed.

- b) The breeder should keep accurate records of all pedigrees, matings, sales and the health and vaccinations of each cat and kitten.

4. Breeding

- a) The Breeder should only breed if they are confident that they can find appropriate homes for the kittens.
- b) Breeding Queens should not have more than three litters in any 24 month period, as governed by the GCCF Breeding Policy.
- c) Any cats that have been identified with hereditary defects or health issues should not be bred from.
- d) It is recommended that, in line with the GCCF Breeding Policy, inbreeding should not exceed 25% over eight (8) generations (or an equivalent if less generations are available e.g. 17% over six (6) generations) and that breeding closely related cats such as brother/sister or father/daughter should be avoided.
- e) A kitten sold as a potential breeding queen or stud should be an outstanding example of the breed, conform closely to the Standard of Points and not be from lines with known health problems, nor have any defects as listed in the preface to the GCCF Standard of Points booklet.
- f) Under no circumstances should studs be sold to a household with no females, nor to households which have yet to breed and raise a litter of Siberians.
- g) If the Breeder wishes to place any restrictions/limitations on a kitten sold for breeding (or on a stud service) this shall be done in writing and fully explained to the purchaser, prior to entering into any agreement to purchase the kitten (or stud service).
- h) It is the responsibility of the Breeder to provide support and guidance for any person to whom they have sold a Siberian for breeding.
- i) It should be recommended to the new owners of any cat/kitten sold for breeding that they become Breeder members of The Siberian Cat Club.

5. Advertising

- a) Breeders must not misrepresent the characteristics of the Siberian breed, nor falsely advertise cats or kittens, nor mislead any potential owner with regards the health or quality of the cat/kitten.
- b) Breeder Members of the Siberian Cat Club may only refer to the Club in advertisements, literature or websites for cats and kittens bred in accordance with the current Registration Policy for Siberian Cats and the SCC Breeder Code of Ethics.
- c) The Siberian Cat Club recommends that cats/kittens are not advertised for sale in local newspapers, newsagents, etc. and suggest that kittens are advertised in reputable cat magazines and websites or that Breeders use the services of the Club's website.

6. Club Discipline

Members are expected to behave in a manner that reflects credit upon themselves, The Siberian Cat Club, and the GCCF. Members who are included in the Club's breeding lists will be removed from said lists by the committee for the following reasons:

- a) Any Breeder disciplined by the GCCF for seriously contravening their Rules or Constitution.
- b) Any Breeder who is proved to have broken the rules laid out in this 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.