



Members Code of Conduct

Behaviour towards other NZCF members (including officers and officials) and members of the public:

1. I will be civil and polite in my day to day dealings with NZCF members, including officers and officials and with members of the public
2. I will treat other NZCF members and members of the public with respect
3. I will be mindful that my behaviour in any cat-related context reflects upon the NZCF and its members, and unethical, inappropriate, or uncivil behaviour may bring discredit upon the NZCF.
 - a. I will abide by agreements and will make sure I understand them fully. If I wish to vary the terms of the agreement I will ensure I have permission in writing for this, from the appropriate person.
 - b. I will not knowingly spread false information about another member.
 - c. In the event of any dispute between myself and another member, or official, I will treat them with respect and I will endeavour to reach an amicable solution. If an amicable solution cannot be reached, I will refer to the NZCF Disputes and Discipline Policy.

Cat and kitten day to day care and welfare:

1. I will ensure that all cats or kittens in my care are provided with good quality food, clean water, grooming as required and clean, warm and comfortable spaces to live in. Normally this will be in my home if they are pet cats or kittens; if they are breeding cats, refer to the Breeders Code of Conduct.
2. I will ensure that my cats and kittens receive prompt veterinary attention if they show signs of being unwell or injured.
3. I will ensure that the numbers of cats and kittens in my care do not exceed my ability to provide adequate care.

4. In the event that I have a concern about a cat or kitten bought from an NZCF breeder, I will discuss this with them, and endeavour to reach an amicable resolution. If an amicable solution cannot be reached, I will refer to the NZCF Disputes and Discipline Policy.
5. In the event that I am unable to keep a cat or kitten, I will contact the breeder prior to rehoming (if required) and ensure that I find a good home for it.
6. I will ensure that all cats or kittens in my care, not intended for breeding, are desexed.
7. When I purchase a pedigree cat or kitten, I will abide by any conditions or requirements agreed with the breeder, unless they give written permission to depart from them.

Showing of cats or kittens:

1. I will adhere to NZCF rules and regulations pertaining to the showing of cats or kittens.
2. I will ensure that any cat or kitten I exhibit is clean, healthy, and free of parasites.
3. I will accept the judges' decision as final unless I believe they have made a genuine mistake, in which case I will approach the Show Secretary with my concern.
4. I will treat other exhibitors and members of the public with respect and politeness.
5. I will be pleasant and welcoming to new exhibitors and be willing to assist them to understand the show system.
6. At shows, I will avoid any action or comment that might influence the judge's decision about an exhibit.

NZCF Recommendations

These recommendations indicate best practice.

1. That all cats and kittens owned by members are microchipped and registered with the NZ Companion Animal Registry.
2. That members provide cat safe enclosures for their cats and kittens, thereby protecting them from danger and protecting native wildlife.
3. All members are familiar with the Animal Welfare Code (2007) relating to Companion Cats.

NZCF members who do not adhere to the provisions of this code of conduct (other than the recommendations section) may be subject to NZCF disciplinary procedures, including non-renewal of membership applications **or** suspension until asked requirements are met.