



NEW ZEALAND CAT FANCY INC.

Certificate of Breeder Accreditation Prefix Owner's Guidelines

General

1. All construction should be sound and stable. All surfaces should be easily cleanable and kept in a clean condition. Lead based paint is not recommended as suitable.
2. In the case of fixed buildings and runs, floors should be of permanent materials, in which case grass (or an approved substitute, e.g., liquid chlorophyll) should be made accessible to cats. Indoor floors should be of an impermeable surface.
3. All studs should be housed as per these standards in separate runs and sleeping quarters. However, it is acknowledged that many studs co-exist, and this may not be necessary.

If more than one stud is accommodated, minimum should be increased by 20% per additional cat.
Separate sleeping quarters should be made available.

4. All queens and kittens kept outside the prefix holder's home should be housed as per the standards.
5. In the case of queens and kittens kept in the prefix holder's home, the standard of cleanliness and floor available to the cats should conform to these standards, as for external accommodation.

There should be adequate ventilation and fresh air via at least one window per room.

If more than one queen is accommodated, minimum should be increased 20% per additional cat.

Kittens may be housed with their mothers, or foster mothers, within the minima set down for the mother(s) until such kittens are four months old. Thereafter accommodation should be set out as for all cats.

6. Sleeping quarters should be fitted with suitable clean bedding. In cold conditions, electric blankets, **SnuggleSafe heat pads** or controlled heating may be necessary.

Suggested temperatures are:

Shorthair	Cats and kittens	not less than 15°C
Longhair	Kittens to 6 weeks	not less than 15°C
	Cats and kittens over 6 weeks	not less than 10°C

Note:

For the first two weeks it is recommended that the room temperature for a queen with her kittens is kept at 20 - 22 degrees.

All outside kitten sleeping quarters should be insulated.

In all cases, quarters should be constructed in a manner that minimises large variations in temperature.

Cattery Minimum Standards: All Cats

Run

1. Minimum size:
 - width 1 metre
 - total floor area 3 square metres
 - height 1.5 metres
 - roofed area $\frac{2}{3}$ minimum floor area
2. Additional areas which have less than the minimum height should be accessible in all parts by the outstretched arm.
3. Shelving should be provided approximately one metre from the ground and should permit the cat to sunbathe and see outside the run, preferably towards the house to maintain human contact. Shelving should be easily cleaned.
4. The run should be cat escape-proof.
5. The run should be situated in such a position as to receive as much winter sun as possible.
6. The run should be protected from the prevailing wind and have suitable protective screening.
7. Recommendation that smoke alarms be fitted.

Sleeping Quarters

1. Minimum size:
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ metre x $\frac{1}{2}$ metre x $\frac{1}{2}$ metre
2. Ventilated, yet free from draughts and rising damp.
3. Protected from prevailing wind.
4. Not subject to rain.
5. Completely roofed.
6. Outdoor sleeping quarters to be off the ground.