

## Important Information for Potential Bengal Kitten Buyers – Imports to Australia

In accordance with the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, domestic/non-domestic animal hybrids are not eligible for import to AUSTRALIA. Hybrid cats include, but are not limited to:

- Bengal cat, domestic cat or any other breed of cat crossed with Asian Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*).

**Note** – in certain circumstances, the Department may permit the import of Bengal cats that are five generations or more removed from their wild ancestor. If you plan to import a Bengal cat to Australia, please contact Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water at [exotic.species@dcceew.gov.au](mailto:exotic.species@dcceew.gov.au) to confirm your cat satisfies the requirements before you apply for an import permit.

It is important when you purchase a kitten that your breeder REGISTER your kitten with NZCF and TRANSFER ownership of this kitten to you, so you are able to apply for a 5 generation certified pedigree, if so required in subsequent years.

- Please check that your breeder is currently registered in the Bengal Breeders section of our website before purchasing your kitten.
- Ensure that all paperwork (including vaccination record book) is in the cats registered name.
- Ensure that the microchip is recorded in the vet book, and on the pedigree paperwork. Unfortunately transfer certificates don't have the microchip numbers recorded on them, but you can probably place one of the barcode stickers on it.
- Check when your paperwork arrives that your name/s are spelled correctly, and advise us via email if it is incorrect, if you change your name or transfer the cat to a new owner.
- Printing of the A3 document is completed off site, please ensure you give at least 2 weeks' notice that you require paperwork.