The GCCF Breeders’ Code of Ethics
For GCCF Breeder Scheme Breeders

The following is a voluntary ‘best practice’ standard for members of the
GCCF Breeder Scheme, in addition to the GCCF General Code of Ethics for
Owners and Breeders and the Defra Code of Practice for the Welfare of Cats

As a GCCF Breeder I am over 18 and pleased to make the following assurances:

1. Regarding my breed
   1.1. I am a member of at least one GCCF affiliated breed club.
   1.2. I am familiar with the Standard of Points and Registration Policy and work within
the Breeding Policy for my breed.
   1.3. I shall breed discriminately and only from cats in good health, of good breed
   type and with no known detrimental genetic health issues. I make use of any
   recommended health tests relevant to my breed.
   1.4. I shall make sure that any cats I register on the GCCF active register, whether
   for myself or a fellow breeder, meet the same criteria.
   1.5. I shall give careful consideration to the frequency with which a stud cat is used
   and with which queens they are mated with in order to maintain genetic diversity
   within the breed.

2. Regarding the day to day welfare of my cats
   2.1. The health and welfare of my cats is my primary concern and I will take
appropriate steps to ensure this is maintained at all times. I will take steps to
minimise the spread of disease between cats by restricting contact between at
risk cats, both on and off my premises. I will limit numbers to ensure this is
possible.
   2.2. I will maintain a good relationship with a veterinary practice who will support my
endeavours.

3. Regarding the sale and placement of kittens
   3.1. I will ensure to the best of my abilities that any cats I breed go to responsible,
loving homes, where they will be properly cared for.
   3.2. I will ensure kittens leave for their new homes fully vaccinated, insured and
appropriately treated for parasites, vet health checked and to the best of my
knowledge in good health.
   3.3. In addition to the GCCF documentation and pedigree I will ensure that cats
leave for their new homes with written information detailing their health records
(including worming and flea treatments and vaccinations), feeding regime,
general care and recommendations for neutering, or already neutered.
Registration paperwork may not form part of this paperwork if transfer of
ownership is already being processed by the GCCF at the request of the
breeder or for any other genuine reason agreed between both parties at the
time of sale.
   3.4. I shall ensure that new owners are given information about, and contact
details for the GCCF affiliated breed clubs I am a member of, relevant to the
breed of the kitten.
   3.5. I will ensure that all new owners are provided with a feedback form to assist with
the quality assurance aspects of this scheme.
   3.6. I will encourage the new owner to contact me should they need any help or
advice and reply to any request promptly.
   3.7. I will interact with fellow breeders and owners in a truthful and courteous
manner.

4. My breeding practices
   4.1. I will only mate a queen who is healthy and in good condition, and only as often
as is appropriate for her wellbeing.
   4.2. I will not accept into stud any queen that is registered on the non-active register
with the GCCF, or whose registration with another bona fide organisation is
endorsed “not for breeding”.
   4.3. I shall do my best to ensure that any adult, former breeding cat that requires re-
   homing is neutered, and placed in the care of a suitably experienced person.

5. Regarding my Relationship with the GCCF
   5.1. I am the holder of a GCCF registered prefix and I consent to the GCCF adding
my personal contact details to the GCCF Breeder Scheme website.
   5.2. I shall register or declare all my kittens born to GCCF registered parents.
   5.3. I shall not engage with breeding programmes involving breeds not recognised
by the GCCF for welfare or genetic reasons.
   5.4. I am familiar with the GCCF’s requirements for members of the Breeder
Scheme and understand that the GCCF may on occasions contact my new
kitten owners directly for the purpose of monitoring the effectiveness of the
scheme. I understand that if I do not comply with this code of ethics I may
be removed from the scheme.
Application form for GCCF Breeder Scheme

Breeder Details

Please fill in your details below to confirm your acceptance of the terms of the scheme, and ask your vet to complete the form overleaf.

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Veterinary Declaration for GCCF Breeder Scheme Members

To be completed by the Veterinary Surgeon:

The Cat Breeder named on this form is known to us and has been a client of this practice for ....................... years. Those cats and kittens that are registered with us and attend regularly for vaccinations and other medical matters appear well cared for and we have no reason to believe that this breeder is not able to offer the above assurances at this time.

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Owners are advised to make a copy of this certificate before returning the original to the GCCF

Please return your form and relevant fees to:

GCCF Breeder Scheme
The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy,
5 Kings Castle Business Park,
The Drove,
Bridgwater,
Somerset,
TA6 4AG