

Frequently Asked Questions

1. I breed my cats infrequently, is the scheme for me?

The majority of people who register their Cats with GCCF do not breed large numbers of litters. 64% of people who register litters with GCCF breed only one or two litters per year. However, we need all breeders, large or small, to be part of the scheme - even if you only ever sell one or two Kittens outside of your family in a lifetime. Irresponsible breeders and Kitten farmers may use the excuse that they breed infrequently and so do not need the scheme - but if all of those people who are genuinely in this position sign up then disingenuous breeders will no longer be able to trade.

2. What experience is required to become a Breeder Scheme member?

Many scheme breeders have a wealth of experience and will have bred for many years, and we do require breeders to have bred at least one litter prior to acceptance.

3. Does GCCF profit from the scheme?

The Breeders scheme exists to improve the health and welfare of Cats; it is certainly not a way for GCCF to make money. The money that GCCF receives goes back into the print, marketing and administration costs of running the scheme.

Further developments, such as the implementation of a network of breeder assessors and our aim to make the standards of the scheme mandatory for all breeders by law, means that GCCF is continually investing in developing the scheme further.

4. What are breeder scheme accolades?

The breeder scheme accolades reflect feedback received from customers who have purchased kittens. They are asked to provide a star rating and this will be displayed against the breeders name on the scheme breeders list and on the Find a kitten list

5. What happens after membership has been accepted?

Once accepted for membership, scheme breeders may use the scheme logo on all of their literature and for advertising. They can advertise kittens for sale free of charge on the Breeder Scheme pages on the GCCF website.

6. What should the Kitten pack contain?

Scheme breeders must provide a kitten pack for each Kitten going to a new owner. The Kitten pack should contain the following:

- The Scheme breeder's contact details
- Breed club contact details
- Written advice on socialisation, feeding, exercise, worming regime and immunisation measures, as well as copies of any health or other relevant certificates
- Pedigree certificate

- Registration documents
- Insurance cover note
- Microchip registration details

7. How much will I have to pay?

The annual payment fee costs £65.