

# The Birman Cat Club of New Zealand Inc

## *Code of Ethics*

*Upon acceptance of my application for membership/renewal to The Birman Cat Club of New Zealand Inc, I agree to be bound by and to observe, in spirit and intent, the Code of Ethics as set out hereunder.*

1. I shall breed with the intention of improving the standard of the Birman.
2. I will represent honestly, cats/kittens sold by me in all ways and that all progeny bred by me will be registered with the New Zealand Cat Fancy Inc.
3. I will endeavor to ensure that only people of integrity and responsibility obtain Birmans for breeding and I will give every assistance to purchasers of such breeding stock.
4. I will not knowingly sell or transfer from my care any cat/kitten to be given as a prize or donation in a contest of any kind.
5. I will not knowingly sell a cat/kitten in ill health without first advising the purchaser.
6. I shall ensure that at all times all cats under my care and control are properly housed, fed, watered and receive veterinary attention when required, and shall generally show responsibility by the way my cats are kept.
7. I will not sell or transfer from my care any kitten under 10 weeks of age.
8. I will not sell or transfer from my care a kitten not vaccinated against FVRCP (Rhino, Calici, Enteritis).
9. I will not sell or transfer from my care a cat/kitten for use in breeding unless it complies favourably with the Birman standard, and is in good health and free from genetic defects.
10. I will ensure that the purchaser of a stud male is made fully aware of the care, responsibility and the standard of facilities required to keep such cat.
11. I will endeavour to ensure that cats / kittens transferred from my care go only to suitable, permanent homes and that new owners clearly understand their responsibility for the ongoing care and welfare of the animal.
12. I will endeavour to ensure that kittens transferred from my care are desexed by the age of six months, or at an age stipulated by me or my veterinary surgeon.
13. I will furnish the new owner with details of diet, necessary veterinary care, vaccination certificate, general coat and other care and any information that will ensure the kitten fits into its new environment with minimum stress.
14. I shall ensure when selling or transferring a cat / kitten to another person for breeding that the necessary registration certificate and pedigree as required by the New Zealand Cat Fancy Inc Registrar are provided to the purchaser within 14 days and are correct in every particular.
15. I will endeavour to ensure that cats / kittens sold by me are parasite free, clean, toilet tray trained and sociable.
16. I shall not breed from any female cat kept by me until she is approximately nine months of age (except in exceptional circumstances) and preferably twelve months of age, and not more than twice a year.
17. I shall not permit my registered purebred Birman cat to be mated to an unregistered Birman.
18. I shall not permit my purebred, registered Birman to be mated to a cat of a different breed unless within the recognised intermating group laid down by the New Zealand Cat Fancy Inc Genetics Advisory Board, or unless in a controlled experimental breeding programme under the guidelines laid down by the New Zealand Cat Fancy Inc Provisional Registrar.

*This code of Ethics should not be seen as removing responsibility to comply with the New Zealand Cat Fancy Code of Ethics.*

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE CODE OF ETHICS AS SET OUT ABOVE MAY RESULT IN MEMBERSHIP BEING TERMINATED**