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COMPANION ANIMAL BREEDING PRACTICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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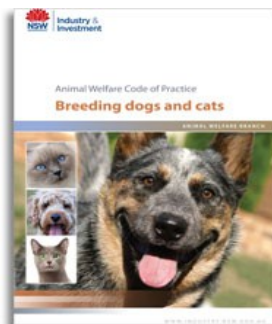
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Introduction

Australian National Cats Inc (ANCATS) www.ancats.com.au, (formerly Waratah State Cat Alliance (WSCA)) is the only national cat registering body in Australia.

Each state and territory, regionally, works closely with local and state governments with regard to any matter pertaining to cats and kittens.

ANCATS believes that our role to collaborate with the Parliament of New South Wales Joint Select Committee on Companion Animals Breeding Practices is essential.



In 2009, the then WSCA, consulted, in conjunction with the New South Wales Companion Animals Task Force and the Department of Local Government (DLG). Included were, Dogs NSW, RSPCA NSW, the Animal Welfare League NSW and other people and organisations involved in the industry with the New South Wales Government in preparing The Animal Welfare Code of Practice Breeding Dogs and Cats

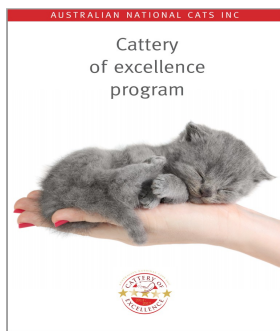
<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/animal-welfare/codes/breeding-dogs-and-cats>

In approximately 2011 ANCATS was again invited to submit a discussion paper to a newly formed Companion Animals Task Force. No changes were forthcoming.

ANCATS...

- Code of Conduct - for all breeders.
- Affiliated nationally with the World Cat Federation
- Licenses Breeders nationally – breeder prefix.
- Registers - cats, kittens (litters), change of ownership, lease agreements.
- Cattery of Excellence Program.
- Conducts National Cat Shows – which educate the public towards responsible cat ownership.
- National Breed Standards – which are maintained regularly.
- Judge Training Programs.
- Breed Committees.
- National Junior Handlers Program for the responsible education of children.
- Dispute Resolution Team – handles any issues with regard to breeding and keeping of cats and kittens.
- Australian Patron - Dr Richard Malik PhD.

For a breeder to gain a license (prefix) with ANCATS they are required to complete an online questionnaire to verify the breeder is familiar with the skills required to successfully breed cats.



ANCATS proudly has introduced, as an Australian first, a **CATTERY OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM**.

The aim of the program is to recognise breeders who have attained the required standards to be identified as Breeders of Excellence. Breeders are required to have their cattery assessed by a Veterinarian in the format laid down by ANCATS (Annexure C/1-8).

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PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMPANION ANIMALS BREEDING PRACTICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES – JUNE 2015

ANCATS breeders primarily sell cats and kittens desexed unless selling stock for breeding purposes. This ensures the safety and security of their breed line which can be recognised worldwide.

ANCATS knows the difference between cats and dogs and cats have are unique in their needs.

Definitions

ANCATS is of the professional opinion that there are three types of cat breeders. The terminology we are using in this instance is, the Licensed Breeder, the Unethical “Backyard” Domestic Breeder and the Unethical “Farms”.

1. Licensed Breeder:

- The licensed breeders' mission is to keep improving the breed(s) and improve the quality of life for the health and wellbeing of cats and kittens.
- This requires outcrossing – the breeding of a pedigree with a domestic.
- Unless sold as breeding cats to another licensed breeder, kittens and cats are usually desexed by 20 weeks to ensure the integrity of the breed.
- Breeders do not allow their breeding lineage to be indiscriminately bred.
- Establish relationship with local veterinarian.

ANCATS believes that Animal Welfare Legislation, it's laws and regulations could become too stringent due to the practices of a **small percentage** of immoral, unethical or uninformed breeders or keeper of animals. Licensed Breeders should not be imposed upon by any changes to laws, regulations and legislation. ANCATS (formerly WSCA) was consulted in developing Animal Welfare Legislation – Codes of Practice and these codes of practice are being supported by ANCATS with self-regulation.

2. Unethical “Backyard” Domestic Breeder:

- Purchase or are gifted undesexed cat/kitten.
- Often uninformed to the financial, health, welfare and lifestyle responsibilities that comes with the ownership of cats and kittens.
- The **old wives tail** “*that a cat needs to have at least one litter to improve its character*” is alive and well in a small majority of uninformed, domestic situations.
- These, individuals or families, may place the kittens, undesexed, unregistered and unvaccinated for sale in the local papers, with ads on shop doors, or indiscriminately sell directly to pet shops.
- Giveaway, dump, kill or keep the animals if unsold.
- Limited or no contact with veterinarian.

3. Unethical “Farms”

- Customarily breed for the sole purpose of financial gain.
- Often uninformed to the financial, health, welfare and lifestyle responsibilities that comes with the ownership of cats and kittens.
- Customarily keep cats, kittens and litters in unfit living conditions.
- Customarily over breed cats.
- Customarily place the cats/kittens undesexed, unregistered and unvaccinated for sale for sale in local papers, with ads on shop doors, or indiscriminately sell directly to pet shops.
- Often kill and dump animals if unsold.
- Limited or no contact with veterinarian.

Recommendations

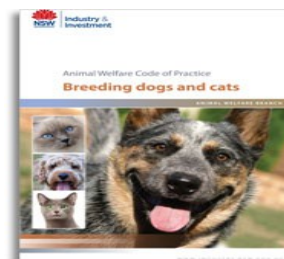
a) The current situation in New South Wales in comparison with other jurisdictions

New South Wales

Currently New South Wales is probably the most pet friendly state in Australia. ANCATS would like to see New South Wales remain this way.

- **New South Wales Government Department of Primary Industries**

- Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979
- Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulation 2012
- Animal Research Act 1985
- Animal Research Regulation 2005
- Exhibited Animals Protection Act 1986
- Exhibited Animals Protection Regulation 2010
- Animal Welfare Code of Practice – Breeding dogs and cats.



<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/animal-welfare/codes>

- **Office of Local Government – Dogs and Cats**

Dogs, cats and the law

The *Companion Animals Act 1998* and the *Companion Animals Regulation 2008* provide for the identification and registration of dogs and cats, how they are managed and the duties and responsibilities of their owners in NSW.



Dogs, cats and local Councils

Local councils administer and enforce this legislation, as well as update registration information on the NSW Companion Animals Register. Contact your local council if you have any questions about dogs, cats and the law, or to update your dog or cat's contact details on the Register.

- Companion Animals Act 1998
- Companion Animals Regulation 2008

<http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-and-cats>

- **New South Wales Animal Register**

This web site for animals registered under the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998. Under this Act, cats and dogs are required to be microchipped and registered.

<http://www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au/Introduction/default.asp>



- NSW Companion Animals Register – Lifetime Registration Form R2

The image shows the 'NSW Companion Animals Register Lifetime Registration' form. It is a detailed form with multiple sections for providing information about the animal and the owner. The form includes fields for the animal's name, date of birth, sex, and breed. It also has sections for the owner's details, including their name, address, and contact information. There are checkboxes for various conditions and declarations, such as whether the animal is a pet, a working animal, or a dog. The form is designed to be filled out by the owner and submitted to the register.

<http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/Lifetime-registration-R2.pdf>

- NSW Companion Animals Register – Permanent Identification Form P1A

The image shows the 'NSW Companion Animals Register Permanent Identification' form. This form is used to provide permanent identification details for a companion animal. It includes fields for the animal's name, date of birth, sex, and breed. There are also sections for the owner's details and a declaration section where the owner confirms the accuracy of the information provided. The form is designed to be filled out by the owner and submitted to the register.

- Our breeders have minimal restrictions to pursue their hobby of breeding excellent cats and kittens.
- Self-regulation works well with breeders within our organisation

Victoria

- Victoria's legislation and regulations have become restrictive.
- ANCATS is an applicable organisation under the Victorian government.
 - Members of ANCATS are allowed many more cats than non-members.
- Many legitimate breeders have ceased breeding.
- Implementation of legislation is costly, time-consuming and paperwork is burdensome.
- Underground breeders, including Unethical "Backyard" Domestic Breeders and Unethical "Farms" are flourishing.
- In ANCATS professional opinion restrictive practices is creating a greater problem.

Western Australia

- Western Australia is moving toward the Victorian model.
- We are seeing a movement away from legitimate breeders.
- We are seeing a slow increase of underground breeders, including Unethical "Backyard" Domestic Breeders and Unethical Farms are flourishing.
- Implementation of legislation is costly, time-consuming and paperwork is burdensome.
- In ANCATS professional opinion restrictive practices is creating a greater problem.

South Australia, Tasmania and Northern Territory

- The other states and territories are considering various styles of legislation, but are more amenable to legitimate cat breeders and owners.

Recommendations cont...

b) Proposals to limit the number of animals allowed to be kept by breeders

Legislation

- Foremost, the proposal to limit the number of cats allowed to be kept by breeders, places **all** categories of breeders unfairly together, as described in “Definitions”.
- Legitimate, licensed breeders should not be the target of changes.
- The Protection of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979, the Protection of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2012 and all other NSW legislation, including Permanent Identification P1A (Annexure B) and Lifetime Registration R2 (Annexure A), plus the Animal Welfare Code of Practice – Breeding of Dogs and Cats, ensures illegal, unethical “backyard” domestic breeders and “farms” are kept to a minimum.

Unwanted Cat Population

- In previous Task Force Research, there is no percentage breakdown to show the true Pedigree cat statistics. ANCATS believes the percentage to be small.
- ANCATS believes this is also true of Domestic cats bred by licensed breeders.
- This lack of information is a critical error in formulating any action required to reduce the unwanted cat population.
- The pedigree cat fraternity has many avenues in place to try and eliminate, as much as possible, the euthanizing of pure bred cats. Members of ANCATS actively place unwanted cats into new pet **forever** homes.
- Unwanted and dumped domestic cats and kittens are usually the result of uninformed members of the public being able to obtain and breed animals at their own leisure.
- How many surrendered cats from the domestic population are actually microchipped? Is there a breakdown of this information?

Licensed Breeders

- ANCATS licensed breeders are required to vaccinate and microchip kittens, which is already a part of NSW law.
- It is common practice to microchip a kitten at the same time as desexing, while under anesthetic. This is not carried out until 10-12 weeks due to kittens size. By this time breeders would hope to have selected suitable homes for most of their litter, before microchipping is done.

- Some kittens are not desexed until 20 weeks to ensure the safety and security of the breed line, which can be recognised worldwide.
- Minimum age for sale of cats is 10 – 12 weeks of age (not 8 as this is far too young for a kitten. Cats are NOT small dogs.)
- For sound breeding, cats have to be outcrossed. Limits set diminish the quality of the breeds and creates inbreeding as it reduces the gene pool, with the likely result of increased illness and disabilities.
- Restrictive legislation will reduce opportunities for breeders to share best practice, improve animal husbandry, general pet care, and management of illnesses, grooming and managing animal behaviour.
- ANCATS does not think there should be a mandatory restriction for legitimate, licensed breeders.

Recommendations cont...

c) Calls to implement a breeders' licensing system

The points below are subject to the acceptability of the legislation/regulations being a positive outcome for cats and breeders of pedigree cats.

- ANCATS believes the only requirement is that breeders are to be registered with an existing self-regulating breeding body.
- ANCATS believes only minor changes need to occur, which also reduces financial costs for the government, breeders and companion animal owners.
- ANCATS provides licensing (breeder registration) in ALL states of Australia currently.
- ANCATS can provide our breeder registration numbers to the Office of Local Government (OLG) NSW Companion Animal Register.*
- The OLG Permanent Identification Form (P1A) and the Lifetime Registration Form (R2) can be modified to enter the Breeder's Registration No. and Date of Registration. These can be cross-referenced with ANCATS.
- Kittens not retained for breeding purposes or on veterinary advice, should be desexed NO LATER than 20 weeks. The existing Lifetime Registration with Local Councils would maintain these records.

*Small fee may occur

Recommendations cont...

d) The implications of banning the sale of dogs and cats in pet stores

Pet Stores

- ANCATS believes cats or kittens sold in pet shops should be from licensed breeders only.
- Kittens must be at least 10 weeks old.
- Pet Shops choosing to sell cats or kittens should be certified by the registering bodies to house cats and kittens and should implement cat welfare e.g.
 - 2 – 3 recommended meals per day.
 - Water available at all times.
 - Fresh litter and bedding cleaned daily.
 - Rested from the public for at least 2 hours in the middle of the day.
 - No overnight/weekend stays with general public (can cause stress related issues in kittens)
- All cats and kittens should be desexed, microchipped and vaccinated.
- All OLG paperwork submitted to the correct authorities.
- No cats or kittens sold undesexed for breeding purposes.
- Upon the sale of cats and kittens educational material on the welfare of the animals should be provided to the purchaser.
- Often the sale of animals in Pet Shops are “**impulse buys**” and not necessarily in the best, long-term interests of the animal or purchaser.
- When a purchaser is buying from a breeder they usually have to telephone or email to make an appointment, wait for the allocated appointment time. Select the kitten and discuss the health requirements of the kitten. Pay a deposit, then wait for the kitten to be ready to be released.

Advertisements

- ANCATS believes that web and print based selling sites should display the breeder registration number which can be cross-referenced.
- Fines for any commercial site, other than accredited Pet Shops and Veterinarians allowing advertising of cats/kittens “for sale”, or “free” signs anywhere within the commercial site or on the window or doors. This would be a deterrent for “domestic” breeders.

Recommendations cont...

e) Any legislative changes that may be required.

Legislation

- Unlicensed breeders not registered with a self-regulating body, with recommendation of:
 - removal of animals
 - desexing of animals
 - ban(s)
 - fine(s)
- Desexing of kittens, no earlier than between 10 – 20 weeks or on veterinarian advice.
- No sale of kittens no earlier than 10 – 12 weeks.
- All **pet only** cats to be desexed.
- If legislation is to change, then:
 - Minimum 3 months to educate the public to the changes in legislation.
 - Minimum of 3 months to education the public to the health and welfare of cats and kittens.
 - Educating children in schools is a key to this success.
 - Moratorium of 3 months to desex, vaccinate and license existing cats and kittens.
 - Desexing vouchers distributed for this period.

Recommendations cont...

f) Any other related matter

Therapeutic Animals

- Research has shown that cats, as companion animals, are an important part of the health and welfare of individuals.
- Many aged care facilities have introduced companion animals for its patients.
- The sick and the elderly find the company of companion animals to be of great value.
- Companion animals are excellent for children's overall development and responsibility. Pets teach living skills.

Social Impact

- Restrictive legislation will cause a reduction in pet ownership and the joy pet ownership can bring.
- Reduction in cat associations/clubs will result in a reduction in cat shows, reducing the opportunities for licensed breeders to chat with the public about responsible pet ownership, how to care and manage their pets.
- It is well established that ownership of pets provides enormous physical and emotional health benefits too many individuals in the community – not least the elderly, ill and people living alone. On a wider basis, ownership of pets provides a vehicle for socialising – through a common interest and can help provide an important sense of community through shared goals.

Commercial Impact

- Many small (mum and dad) businesses, that are reliant on the animal industry, may go out of business or face financial hardship.
- Reduced income to the pet food industry and its related infrastructures, including employment.
- Reduced income to manufacturers and retailers of associated pet industry products such as: bedding, toys, cages, catteries and specialist food.
- Reduced income to the veterinary industry. Less breeding results in reduced need for all pet related checkups, vaccinations, veterinary assistance, operations and ongoing care of cats.
- Reduced income to the grooming/animal salon industry.

- Reduced options for buyers of animal products will guarantee price increases.
- Reduced income to educational facilities such as TAFES and universities.

In Conclusion

ANCATS would like to thank the Parliamentary Joint Committee for reading our submission.


ANCATS supports responsible cat ownership and we look forward to assisting the Committee, if required.

Cats have been part of human history for thousands of years. ANCATS believes New South Wales does not need to change its current legislation. If changes do occur we will notify our members and educate them appropriately.

Yours sincerely

BRIAN EDWARDS
PRESIDENT

ANNEXURE A:

<h2 style="margin: 0;">NSW Companion Animals Register Lifetime Registration</h2>		 R2
<p>Please use this form to apply for lifetime registration of a cat or dog under the Companion Animals Act 1998. Make sure you attach a copy of a Certificate of Identification or a completed copy of a Permanent Identification form. Please note that if you give false or misleading information you may be fined up to \$880.</p>		
<p>1. Microchip number</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>2. Species: <input type="checkbox"/> dog <input type="checkbox"/> cat</p> <p>3. Is the animal desexed? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no</p> <p>4. Type of registration - see note opposite</p> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> not desexed <input type="checkbox"/> desexed <input type="checkbox"/> recognised breeder <input type="checkbox"/> pensioner (animal desexed) <input type="checkbox"/> assistance animal <input type="checkbox"/> working dog <input type="checkbox"/> registered racing Greyhound </div> <p>Note: Current lifetime registration fees are available at www.dlg.nsw.gov.au</p> <p>5. Dangerous dog: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Date order / declaration issued <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin-top: 5px;"></div> </p> <p>6. Currently lost animal: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no</p> <p>The owner must be a person 18 years or over. If the animal is a dog the owner must not be disqualified from owning a dog.</p> <p>7. Title: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div></p> <p>8. Family name <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px; margin-top: 5px;"></div> </p> <p>9. First name <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px; margin-top: 5px;"></div> </p> <p>10. If you have changed address/contact details or the animal has changed owner since the animal was microchipped and you haven't notified this change previously, please complete a Change of Owner Details form C3A as well.</p> <p>I verify that the information provided on this form is correct.</p> <p>11. Signature of owner <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 40px; margin-top: 5px;"></div> </p> <p>12. <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 5px;"></div></p>	<p>Note</p> <p>If you are claiming a reduced registration fee, you must provide the following proof:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desexed - a letter, certificate or clear receipt from a vet or a statutory declaration from the owner. Recognised breeder - proof of current membership of Dogs NSW, NSW Cat Fanciers Association, Waratah State Cat Alliance or any other body approved by the Chief Executive, and, documentation verifying the cat or dog is of a breed accepted by the recognised breeder body, and, a signed statement from the member that the animal is to be kept for breeding purposes. Pensioner - current pensioner concession card or other proof of status as an eligible pensioner. Assistance animal - a statement from a recognised assistance animal training organisation (eg NSW Guide Dog Association) that the animal is trained, or is being trained, as an assistance animal and is used as an assistance animal. Working dog - the owner must satisfy council that the dog is primarily used for the droving, tending, working or protecting of stock (includes a dog being trained as a working dog). Registered racing Greyhound - Greyhound registered in accordance with the rules under the Greyhound Racing Act 2009. <p>If you are sending this registration form to your local council, make sure you send copies, not originals, of these documents as they won't be returned to you. Contact your local council first to see if they accept applications by post.</p> <hr/> <p>For Council Use Only</p> <p>13. Fee Paid <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 5px;"></div> </p> <p>14. Receipt number <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px; margin-top: 5px;"></div> </p> <p>15. Date <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 5px;"></div> </p> <p>16. Receipt issued on behalf of <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px; margin-top: 5px; text-align: right; padding-right: 10px;">Council</div> </p> <p>17. Signature / stamp of Council registration clerk <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 40px; margin-top: 5px;"></div> </p> <p>18. Date <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 5px;"></div> </p>	

NSW Companion Animals Register Permanent Identification		 P1A
<p>The details marked # are optional. All other information is required under the Companion Animals Act 1998 and Regulation 2008 and will be entered onto the NSW Companion Animals Register.</p> <p>If the animal is already microchipped and is being scanned to confirm the microchip number, do not use this form. Use the form 'Verification of Existing Microchip M1'.</p> <p>NOTE: This is <u>not</u> a registration form. This does not Lifetime Register the animal.</p> <hr/> <p>Microchipping details – questions 1 to 4 must be completed by the authorised identifier</p> <p>Please make sure that there is a sticker on each copy – yellow, pink and white of the form. Please verify that the sticker number matches the number of the microchip to be inserted into the animal.</p> <p>Box for microchip number sticker</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto; text-align: center; line-height: 40px;">place sticker here</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>1. Authorised identifier's number</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>2. Date of implantation</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">/ /</div> </div> </div> <p>3. Name of authorised identifier</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div> <p>I have read the Guidelines for Authorised Identifiers and am aware that I must comply with them.</p> <p>4. Signature of authorised identifier</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 40px;"></div>		
<p>Animal details</p> <p>5. Species: <input type="checkbox"/> dog <input type="checkbox"/> cat</p> <p>6. Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female</p> <p>7*. Animal's name</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div> <p>8. Breed</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>9. Animal's date of birth</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">/ /</div> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Approximate year of birth</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">OR</div> </div> </div> <p>10. Colour</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div> <p>11. Identifying marks / features</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div> <p>12. Address where animal is to be usually kept <small>note: street number and street name are needed for all addresses – property name only is not sufficient</small></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 40px;"></div> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">Postcode</p> <p>13*. Secondary address for animal eg holiday house or boarding kennel</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div>		
<p>Owner details</p> <p>The owner must be a person 18 years or over. If the animal is a dog the owner must not be disqualified from owning a dog.</p> <p>14. Name of organisation – if applicable. Please also provide the name of the person responsible for the care of the animal at questions 15 to 17 below</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div> <p>15. Title: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 20px;"></div></p> <p>16. Family name</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div> <p>17. First name</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div> <p>18. Home phone number</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div> <p>19. Work phone number</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div> <p>20. Mobile phone number</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div> <p>21. E-mail address</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div> <p>22. Home address – if different to question 12</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 40px;"></div> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">Postcode</p> <p>23. Postal address – if different to question 12</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 40px;"></div> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">Postcode</p> <p>I verify that the information provided on this form is correct.</p> <p>24. Signature of person nominated at questions 15 to 17</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 40px;"></div> <p style="text-align: right;">25. Date</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">/ /</div>		
<p>You should check whether the person carrying out your microchipping (your 'authorised identifier') intends to give your information to any other commercial animal databases in addition to the NSW Companion Animals Register. If so, you will need to sign a separate form. The privacy of your personal information held by private databases is not protected to the same extent as information on the NSW Companion Animals Register.</p> <p>Keep this form for your records.</p> <p>This information is collected on behalf of the Division of Local Government Department of Premier and Cabinet, and is held on the NSW Companion Animals Register.</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>This is not a Registration Form – This does not Lifetime Register the animal.</p>		

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CATS INC

Cattery of excellence program



INTRODUCTION

The aim of the program is to recognise breeders who have attained the required standards to be identified as a Cattery of Excellence. You will be required to have your Cattery assessed by a Veterinarian in the format laid down by ANCATS and that the assessment is at your own expense. The award is current for a period of three years. Should a Cattery fail to meet the required points for accreditation they may re-apply after a period of three months.

Once accredited you may advertise as a Cattery of Excellence, it will be shown on the ANCATS Breeders List that you are a Cattery of Excellence. It will give confidence to prospective customers; it will demonstrate to Local Council that you are an accredited professional breeder. It will also demonstrate that ANCATS is at the top end of the scale when it comes to responsible cat ownership and breeding principals. This will also add weight to State and Federal negotiations in relation to companion animal Laws.

If successful you will receive a certificate of an ANCATS Cattery of Excellence that you may display and use in your advertising.

Should you not comply with any of the declarations made in your application in the three year period of accreditation your award may be revoked.

The completed assessment to be sent to the Office, this will be reviewed by the Management Committee, and the Certificate of Excellence awarded or not as the case may be.



AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CATS INC. CATTERY OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Inspections to be completed by approved Veterinarians

Name of Veterinarian:- _____

Prefix / Suffix of Cattery:- _____

Registered Owner/s:- _____

ANCATS No.:- _____

Address:- _____

_____ Post Code _____

Phone:- _____

Mobile:- _____

Email:- _____

Date of Inspection:- ____/____/____ Signature of Vet: _____

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Administration Fee \$50 per review received Yes ☐ No ☐

Total Points _____ Date of next review ____/____/____

Cattery of Excellence Awarded Yes ☐ No ☐

Cattery of Excellence No. _____

Processed by _____ Date ____/____/____



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Declaration by Owner / Owners

Prefix / Suffix of Cattery:- _____

Name of Members:- _____

Membership Number/s:- _____

I / We Declare the following:-

- 1:- All cats in my / our cattery are registered with ANCATS and sold with pedigree papers transferred to the new owner.
- 2:- All cats are sold subject to State and Federal laws ie. Microchipped
- 3:- All cats are vaccinated prior to sale
- 4:- State and Federal EPA Laws are adhered to
- 5:- Pedigree, microchipping and vaccination paperwork is provided at point of sale.
- 6:- All cats owned by me / us have up to date vaccinations
- 7:- All cats owned by me / us are provided veterinary services as required
- 8:- I / We abide by the ANCATS code of conduct.

I / we _____ declare that the above information is to the best of my / our knowledge true and correct and that I / we understand that if any response is found to be untrue now or within the next three years any award of excellence will be revoked.

Signed:- _____ Date:- ____/____/____



AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CATS INC. CATTERY OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Health and Hygiene - Cats

Are the cats in good condition, clean, groomed and free of matting. Yes ☐ No ☐

Do the cats appear to be free of external parasites. Yes ☐ No ☐

Do the cats appear to be free of internal parasites Yes ☐ No ☐

Do the cats appear to be free of stress. Yes ☐ No ☐

Do the cats appear comfortable with the environment Yes ☐ No ☐

Do the cats freely accept human interaction. Yes ☐ No ☐

Signature of Vet: _____



AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CATS INC. CATTERY OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Buildings and Enclosures

NB. The home may be classed as the cattery

Do you consider the cattery has sufficient measures to prevent uncontrolled breeding.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Are all enclosures structurally sound, with solid floors, in good repair and non-hazardous to the cats.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Do the enclosures fully contain the cats and prevent entry of any other animal/cat.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Are the enclosures weather-proof.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Do the cats have access to areas of natural light.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Do the enclosures have adequate ventilation.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Where climate warrants, is heating / cooling provided.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Are opportunities provided for exercise (Climbing, Jumping. etc.)

Yes ☐ No ☐

Is the size of the cattery adequate for the population

Yes ☐ No ☐

Signature of Vet: _____



AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CATS INC. CATTERY OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Health and Hygiene - Environs

Are the enclosures free of accumulated dust, dirt, hair, faeces, soiled litter trays and stale food.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Are there suitable litter trays in each enclosure.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Are the litter trays accessible and less than 1/3 saturated with waste.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Are the outsides of the litter trays clean.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Is the enclosure free of unpleasant odours.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Is the used litter disposed of in an appropriate manner.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Is the bedding appropriate and clean.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Can the majority of surfaces in the enclosure be effectively cleaned and disinfected.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Is fresh clean water available at all times.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Is dry food available.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Is wet food provided at least once per day.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Is the wet and dry food of a suitable quality for the type of cats.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Is the food stored and handled in an appropriate manner.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Australia National Cats Inc

Signature of Vet: _____





Want more information?

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