

Code of Ethics for Breeders

The Norwegian Forest Cat Fanciers Association

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1. I shall strive to uphold the purpose of the Norwegian Forest Cat Fanciers Association: to preserve, protect, and promote the Norwegian Forest Cat.
2. I shall conduct myself in a manner which reflects credit upon the breed, the Norwegian Forest Cat Fanciers Association and myself. I shall abide by the relevant rules and customs when attending shows, whether as an exhibitor or a spectator. I shall be both a gracious winner and gracious loser, remembering that the health and well-being of my cats is more important than winning.
3. I shall maintain appropriate cattery records and correctly register litters and cats in at least one recognized cat registry in order to protect the integrity of the pedigrees. I shall strive to preserve future generations of the breed by the use of breeding cats in good health and possessing good temperament.
4. I shall maintain high standards of health care to include but not be limited to: a) room for exercise; b) regular grooming; c) clean quarters; d) adequate ventilation and shade; e) balanced diet and fresh water; f) daily socialization and contact with me or another appointed surrogate; g) proper veterinary care for all of the cats in my charge as needed.
5. I shall strive to protect the vigor of the breed by becoming familiar with genetic diversity and procedures for breeding. I shall strive to remain informed of health care issues for cats and those specific to the Norwegian Forest Cat. I acknowledge available information about feline health and husbandry is constantly growing and recommended protocols may change over time. I shall strive to increase my knowledge as long as I am a Breeder.
6. I acknowledge that the health and vigor of the Norwegian Forest Cat is served by honest and full disclosure of health issues in my cats to the owners of cats I have bred and to my fellow breeders.
7. I shall strive to protect the pedigrees of the Norwegian Forest Cat by not breeding a Norwegian Forest Cat to any cat other than a registered Norwegian Forest Cat. I shall also strive to prevent accidental breedings. I shall alter kittens of unknown lineage or the offspring of an accidental breeding to a different breed.
8. I shall strive to find quality homes for my cats/kittens and to deal honestly with new owners of my cats/kittens. I shall ensure that the cats/kittens being placed in new homes are in the best possible condition and health. I acknowledge that a veterinary

health certificate is highly recommended at the time the cat/kitten is placed with the new owner.

9. I acknowledge it is recommended that new owners and breeders follow a mutually agreed upon written contract describing all the terms and conditions of their agreement. In the event that one of my formerly placed cats/kittens needs to be re-homed, I shall find a new home or allow NFCFA volunteers to help find a new home.

10. I shall strive to be factual in my advertising and shall strive to promote the awareness of the Norwegian Forest Cat by providing the public and prospective owners with accurate information. I shall be factual in all advertising of my cattery, cats, and kittens.

11. I have read and agree to adhere to the Constitution and the By-Laws of the Norwegian Forest Cat Fanciers Association.

I understand this Code of Ethics for Breeders is binding on all Breeder, Inactive Breeder, and Provisional Breeder members of the Norwegian Forest Cat Fanciers Association. If I fail to comply with this Code of Ethics for Breeders I may be subject to Discipline.

Signature:

Cattery Name:

Date:
