

# The New South Wales Cat Fanciers Association Inc

(Member of the Co-ordinating Cat Council of Australia)

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## INFORMATION BROCHURE

The NSW Cat Fanciers' Association (NSW CFA) is the largest and most active Feline Registering Body in the Southern Hemisphere with in excess of 40 affiliated Clubs and kindred societies, which conduct 45 shows each year under the Rules and Regulations of the NSW CFA. In excess of 3,000 individual registrations are processed by the NSW CFA each year. The NSW CFA is a founding member of the Co-ordinating Cat Council of Australia.

The following information is a guide to persons interested in breeding, registering and showing cats with NSW CFA. It sets out the guiding mission of NSW CFA and information of interest to prospective new members and breeders such as what membership of NSW CFA entails and the benefits obtained from joining. It also includes information on applying for membership, a breeders prefix, showing, and what is required to register a cat or kitten born in NSW, Interstate or Overseas.

### the mission of the Association is:

1. To promote and raise the standards of breeding of pure bred cats;
2. To promote and encourage the breeding of pure bred cats;
3. To promote and encourage the showing of pure bred and companion cats;
4. To educate the members and the general public in all aspects of cat ownership
5. To promote, encourage and assist feline veterinary research.

### membership of NSW CFA entitles you to:

- ❖ exhibit cats at Shows run by NSW CFA or its affiliates in NSW, and in other states of Australia
- ❖ register your own Cattery Prefix and any kittens you breed\*
- ❖ receive the Association's Journal - "Catching Up", published quarterly each year,
- ❖ advertise your Cattery on the Association's successful web site or in Catching Up,
- ❖ be involved in promoting responsible cat ownership
- ❖ attend and vote at the AGM and any special general meeting\*
- ❖ request to be a candidate to be appointed as a judge or steward (training is required!)\*

(\* full members only)

# joining NSW CFA

You can apply to join the Association by completing the form "Application for Membership of NSW CFA". The application must be accompanied by the appropriate fee, dependent upon the type of membership (see below) and the date of application (see "Scale of Fees").

1. **Single / Dual (Full) Membership** – the applicant shall be at least 18 years old and reside in the State of New South Wales. Discounted fees for Single or Dual membership by pensioners are available (refer Scale of Fees). A photocopy of a current concession card must accompany applications for concession membership.
2. **Junior Membership** – for ages between 12 years and under 18 years who reside in the State of New South Wales.
3. **Associate Membership** – is available to persons over 18 years old and who do not reside at an address situated in the State of New South Wales.

## general information

1. All pure bred cats that are required for showing or breeding **must be** registered with the Association.
2. Only the breeder is eligible to register purebred kittens/cats. The breeder must hold a Cattery prefix (see below, and also refer "application for registration of a breeder's prefix") and be a current financial member of NSW CFA.
3. The owner of a purebred registered kitten/cat may show it three times only at NSW CFA affiliate shows without becoming a member of the Association. To be eligible to accumulate points in the NSW CFA Cat/Kitten of the Year Awards, the owner must be a member of the Association.
4. Domestic cats/kittens that are to be shown must be desexed and may be shown three times before being registered. After three shows, the cat/kitten **must be** registered. Owners of Companion cats are not required to have a Cattery Prefix.

## the cattery prefix

1. Only full members of NSW CFA may apply for a Cattery Prefix.
2. All words used as prefixes must be approved and registered with NSW CFA. No breeder may use a prefix without first having it registered.
3. Four names, in order of preference, are to be submitted on the application form ("Application for Registration of A Breeder's Prefix") and returned to the Association office, together with the fee for Registration. Select all names carefully, as prefixes cannot be changed once they have been checked and approved.
4. No breeder may use the prefix of another breeder, either as a prefix or in the common name of a cat.
5. NSW CFA will not register a Cattery name in the form of an Affix i.e. "Queen of Maybury". The Cattery name must appear first i.e. prefix "Maybury", common name "Queen",
6. A prefix must not exceed 12 letters and must be all one word - hyphens, dashes or apostrophes are not permitted.
7. A maintenance fee for each Prefix is to be paid each year with the renewal of NSW CFA membership. A Prefix on which a renewal fee has not been paid for a period of seven years shall be removed from the Register.
8. As a guide to breeders applying for a prefix, following is a list of word, and types of words, that ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE, or are to be avoided as prefixes:

**Siamese/Eastern Names & Places**  
**Christian Names**  
**Jewel Names**  
**Flower Names**  
**Colour Names**  
**Words Like**  
**Established Prefixes**  
**Breed Names**

All the more common ones have been registered many years ago  
Male or Female e.g. "John" or "Joan"  
Diamond, Sapphire, Topaz, Amethyst etc  
Rose, Daffodil, Violet, Lily etc  
Blue, Lilac, Silver, Bronze, Brown etc  
Misty, Morning, Haze, Breeze, Star, Moon, Purr, Puss, Kat, Tao  
Names too closely resembling them could cause confusion of pedigrees

# registration of cats and kittens

1. For a kitten/cat to be shown or bred, the breeder must register at least one kitten from the litter within 12 months of the date of birth.
2. A breeder is not obliged to register all kittens in a litter. However, the total number of living progeny born in a litter must be detailed on the initial Application for Registration.
3. Once a kitten from a litter has been registered further kittens/cats from that litter may be registered – up to 18 months from the date of birth. Cats cannot be registered after 18 months from date of birth.

## how to register

- a) Only the breeder can apply for registration.
- b) Applications must be made using the form “Application for Registration”.
- c) The Stud owner must complete the section headed “Date of Service”, and on the reverse of the form, complete their details and sign.
- d) Full number of kittens in the litter must be shown.
- e) BOTH THE SIRE AND THE DAM MUST BE REGISTERED, either with NSW CFA or with a recognised Interstate or Overseas Registering Body, before any progeny can be registered.
- f) The breeder must be the registered owner of the dam, and the name in which the prefix is registered must correspond accordingly.
- g) A cat’s name must not exceed twenty-four (24) letters, including the prefix and spaces between prefix and name, or names. Hyphens, apostrophes, dashes, ordinal numbers, and the word “of” are not permitted in a cat’s name.
- h) The breed, colour and sex of a cat must be shown on the form.
- i) Membership number must be quoted on the form.

## re-registrations

Cats bred interstate or overseas that have been purchased by a resident of New South Wales, may be accepted in to the Register on a re-registration basis only, and in accordance with the Regulations as applicable in NSW. The purchaser is required to supply an original Registration or Transfer Certificate issued by the recognised Registering Body in the State, Territory or Country in which the cat was bred, together with a Certified copy of the pedigree showing registration numbers, breeds and colours for four (4) generations. The pedigree must be certified correct by the Registering Body with whom the cat was originally registered. The Registration or Transfer Certificate must be in the applicant’s name, and registration numbers of the sire and dam shown on the certificate. IN THE CASE OF PURE SIAMESE RE-REGISTRATION, AN EXTENDED PEDIGREE OF EIGHT (8) GENERATIONS CERTIFIED TO FOUR (4) WILL BE REQUIRED.

**It is strongly recommended you contact NSW CFA if you wish to purchase a cat from interstate or overseas - to obtain the re-registration form, to ENSURE THAT YOU PURCHASE A CAT FROM A RECOGNISED ORGANISATION and that it is eligible for re-registration under NSW CFA Rules and Regulations.**

## transfers

1. Upon the sale, exchange, gift, lease or loan of a cat, an application for transfer must be lodged with the NSW CFA to be officially recorded in the register, before the end of six (6) months, otherwise a LATE FEE will be payable.
2. The original Registration Certificate must be supplied by the new owner with the application for Transfer completed on the reverse side of the certificate.
3. The Breeder / Owner MUST sign the transfer application where indicated.
4. If the membership is registered in joint names, then the signature of BOTH parties is required on all Transfers.
5. When selling a cat for showing or breeding the breeder is required to supply the purchaser with the original Registration Certificate correctly completed and signed. The new owner must forward the Certificate together with the required fee to the NSW CFA within 6 months of transfer otherwise a late fee will be imposed (refer “Scale of Fees”).
6. When selling a cat for showing or breeding to an interstate or overseas purchaser IT IS ESSENTIAL that the breeder transfers the Certificate of Registration into the new owners name with NSW CFA who will forward the Certificate of Registration to the new owner.

# cats and kittens sold as pets

If a cat is sold as a "Pet Only" then PAPERS (Registration Certificate, transfer of pedigree) are not required to be supplied to the Purchaser. At the breeder's discretion, a copy of the pedigree may be supplied, but it should be clearly marked "Sold as Pet Only", also the receipt for any money paid to the breeder should be marked "Sold as Pet Only".

## award titles

NSW CFA awards titles for the following:

Champion, Grand Champion, Double Grand Champion, Bronze, Silver Gold and Diamond Double Grand Champion.

An Application for update of Championship Title form must be completed when applying for any Champion status for a cat. All relevant Challenge cards or Awards of Merit cards, and the cat's registration certificate, must accompany the application form, together with the required fee for certificate and ribbon.

There is also an "Award of Distinguished Merit". This Award is available to male cats that have produced 15 direct progeny which have attained the title of Champion, and to female cats that have produced 5 direct progeny which have attained the title of Champion. The Distinguished Merit award will be displayed on Registration Certificates "DM" after the cat's title and name.

## companion cats and kittens

Most NSW CFA shows also cater for Companion pets. Domestic cats are unpedigreed cats of indeterminate origin to which no specific type or coat standard is applicable. Excellent temperament and top physical condition are the paramount requirements. They are judged on condition, cleanliness, quality of coat, temperament and overall appearance. Companion cats compete for Awards of Merit, which can lead to Champion titles.

## forms and information

The following information is available from the NSW CFA office, or can be downloaded from the NSW CFA web site at <http://www.nswcfa.asn.au>

- ❖ Constitution
- ❖ Application for membership
- ❖ Application for breeders prefix
- ❖ Application for kitten registration
- ❖ Application for distinguished merit award
- ❖ Members Code of Ethics
- ❖ Application for Coordinating Cat Council of Australia (CCCA) title
- ❖ Show rules and regulations
- ❖ Show entry form
- ❖ Application for update of championship title
- ❖ Show Calendar
- ❖ Scale Of Fees
- ❖ Application for Re-registration
- ❖ NSW CFA Show representative duties and responsibilities

**Note:** Registration Certificates incorporate the cat's pedigree and breeders do not have to supply a pedigree.

The following are available from the Association office (fees apply):

- ❖ Blank Pedigree Forms
- ❖ Litter Record Book
- ❖ Printout of cattery stock (breeders only)
- ❖ Stud Service Agreement Forms
- ❖ Stud Service Record Book
- ❖ Membership Badge

**Further information may be obtained from the Association Office**  
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