

The Code of Ethics

Bengal Canada

I. Objectives

- a) The Code of Ethics applies to all breeders who are members of the Bengal Canada Breed Club. Its objective is to provide breeders with a guideline as to the values to be adopted in the management of professional, respectful, conscientious and responsible breeding.
- b) The goal of any breeder is to produce cats that are healthy, in body and mind, and to ensure that these cats meet the requirements and breed standards in Canada. It is also the responsibility of any breeder to adhere at all times to proper and ethical business practices when buying, breeding and selling their cats. In addition, every breeder who is a member of the club has obligations to the public, customers, other breeders, animals and the environment.

II. Responsibilities of the breeder to the public

- a) The breeder is able to provide the public with truthful and up-to-date information on all things about the Bengal cat breed to members of the public and to answer any questions they are asked to the best of their ability. The breeder can direct the person to other resources as needed.
- b) The breeder is kept informed at all times on matters relating to health, best breeding practices and the standard of his breed in order to transmit the best possible information.
- c) The breeder is reliable and represents Bengal cats for their true worth.
- d) The breeder remains transparent in his words and actions and is impartial during conflicts, he intervenes only in the event of a dispute.

III. Responsibilities of the breeder to the customer

- a) The breeder informs his client about the characteristics of the breed, the characteristics of the kitten concerned, the provenance of its parents, its genealogy, its condition and anything that could influence the purchase decision.
- b) All litter and cats from each litter must be registered with Chats Canada Cats. The litter registration request must be sent as soon as possible following the birth of the kittens. When selling a kitten of any litter, the breeder must transfer ownership to the purchaser and register the cat in the purchaser's name, in accordance with established requirements.
- c) The buyer should receive a copy of all relevant documents, including the cat registration document, sales agreement and health care guidelines and cat diet recommendation.

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IV. Responsibilities of the breeder towards other breeders

- a) The breeder cooperates with other breeders, remains transparent and avoids any dispute.

V. Responsibilities of the breeder towards animals

- a) Every breeder must make a serious effort to remain in a continuous learning process in order to improve his practices and his knowledge on Bengal cats, but also on the management and administration of a cattery and the practice of breeding in general.
- b) Cats should be provided with adequate housing and nutrition, as well as adequate health care and exercise at all times. To this end, any breeder must adhere to the guidelines set out in the Bengal Canada Club Code of Practice to the breeder practices guideline in the Bengal Canada Club.
- c) The Bengal Canada Breed Club recommends and encourages breeders to have regular screening test for parasites, infectious and hereditary diseases and to share the results openly.
- d) Every breeder must keep up-to-date and accurate records of his breeding program. He must have all the information on cat records as well as all sales agreements.
- e) No breeder should sell or donate cats for auction or raffle.

VI. Responsibilities of the breeder towards the environment

- f) Preserving the environment: The breeder takes care to properly dispose of waste by recycling what is recyclable, by composting what is compostable and returns any unused and expired medical or antibiotic product to his veterinarian or pharmacy for the best possible disposal.
- g) Respect the neighborhood: The breeder takes care to keep the outdoor areas of his cattery free of debris and waste relating to the breeding and will try to the best of his ability not to interfere in any way with his neighborhood, he takes the provisions necessary so that no animal disturbs the tranquility of the neighborhood.