

The Cat Fanciers Association – Wayne Trevathan

CFA is governed by our Constitution and I will just read you what the objectives of that are:

The Association shall be a non profit organization, its objects shall be as follows:

The welfare of all cats
The promotion and involvement of CFA recognized breeds of cats
The registration, recording and identifying by number or by other means the names and pedigrees of cats and kittens
The promulgation of rules of the management of cat shows
the licensing of cats shows held under the rules of this organization
The promotion of the interest of breeders and exhibitors of pedigree cats

We have developed a pamphlet available to all breeders of CFA, this is called The CFA Breeders Code of Ethics. This was adopted by the delegation in the year 2000. It reads as follows:

As a breeder who uses the services of the world's largest registry of pedigreed cats,

I understand I have certain responsibilities to pedigreed cats and to the Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA).

I am aware that I am representative of CFA breeders in my community.

I will breed my cats with the intent of improving the breed and to produce healthy, happy kittens.

I will deal honestly with the purchasers of my kittens and cats.

To the best of my knowledge and ability I will not, without prior disclosure, sell any kitten/cat that is sick or has been exposed to an infectious disease.

I will not sell or place kittens prior to their attaining a proper level of immunity against common infectious diseases.

I will place cats directly to the new pet owner or in a manner that will enable contact with the ultimate owner to provide on-going education and advice.

I will strive to house my cats in a manner exceeding the CFA Minimum Cattery Standard.

I will ensure my cats are kept in a healthy environment and I will ensure they receive the proper veterinary care as needed.

I will maintain appropriate cattery records and will correctly register litters and cats.

I will work honestly with my fellow breeders and provide timely and correct litter registration information to those who use my cats for breeding.

I will mentor new breeders to ensure they have a solid information foundation.

That's available to every breeder in our Association.

Underneath all this we have two foundations which deal with health and with legislation. The health foundation is called 'The Winn Foundation' which is a non profit organisation affiliated with the CFA in the promotion of new research from veterinarians. Last year \$174,000 was awarded to certain studies. The legislation foundation is called 'The Sy Howard Legislative Fund.' Any legislative issues, whether from State or local level, are eligible for matching funds to fight the legislation.

So that is how, basically, we control what we can do, but it is a large organization and it is a non profit organization and we are just a registry.