



HOW FIFE PROMOTES ETHICAL RESPONSIBLE BREEDING



ETHICS

- ✘ The field of ethics (or moral philosophy) involves systematizing, defending, and **recommending concepts of right and wrong** behavior <http://www.iep.utm.edu/ethics/>
- ✘ the discipline **dealing with what is good and bad** and with moral duty and obligation <http://www.merriam-webster.com>



ETHICAL RESPONSIBLE BREEDING

✗ BREEDING CATS

- + All cats
- + Breeding and Registration rules



BREEDING CATS

- ✘ Responsible breeding based on genetic principles, disease prevention and an environment of **love and comfort must be encouraged**.
- ✘ Cats must have **adequate space** in which to move and play and **should enjoy domestic living**.
- ✘ A **cat suffering** from a congenital abnormality, deaf cats, cats with umbilical hernia, wild cats and cats suffering from *achondroplasia or osteochondrodysplasia* must **not be used for breeding** nor sold as a breeding cat.
- ✘ Queens about to give birth or un-weaned kittens must have a separate area/room available
- ✘ Queens must **not have more than three litters in twenty-four months**
- ✘ All **births must be attended** in case problems occur.
- ✘ Kittens must **not go to a new owner (home) before they are 12 weeks** old and have been fully vaccinated against *feline panleucopenia, feline calici virus and feline herpes virus*
- ✘ Every cat or **kitten must be given daily individual attention**; this should include handling which allows for a check of the general health.



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- ✘ A **veterinary surgeon** is present at the entrance to the show in order to **examine the exhibits** and can be reached during the entire show.
- ✘ The **cats have been vaccinated** by a veterinary surgeon in accordance with each country's veterinary regulations, against *feline panleucopenia, feline calici virus and feline herpes virus* and have had the required boosters, at least 15 days prior to the show. **Veterinary Checkup**
- ✘ **Disqualification of pregnant or lactating queens**



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STANDARD OF CATS

- × The **cat should be in excellent physical condition** and **free from** any anatomical and/or postural **defects**.
- × PER Nostrils well open, allowing **free and easy passage of air**
- × MAN Back compact and **very** short but in balance to the body, ending
- × SPH Wrinkles desirable especially around the muzzle, between the ears and around the shoulders, although wrinkling **should not be so pronounced that it affects the cat's normal functions**.
- × **Disqualification** reasons in general



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TESTING OF CATS

× Genetic tests

- + Burmese and Korat cats used in breeding must have a DNA-test for GM2 gangliosidosis (Korats GM, unless both parents are proven to be free from GM2 gangliosidosis)
- + NFO Cats shall be DNA tested for the GBE-1 gene (GSD IV - glycogen storage disease), unless both parents of the breeding cat are proven not to be carriers of GSD IV GSD4 NFO mandatory
- + Tests for HC, PKD, PRA,

× Health examination

- + BAER White cats mandatory
- + ECG
- + Health exams, X-Rays



TESTS

Test	Breed	Remark
Blood group testing	DNA test not fully validated for all breeds	Serological test: RAG, SIB, TUA, BEN, EUR
Gangliosidosis (GM1/GLB1 and GM2/HEXB)	KOR	Obligatory, refer to chapter 6
Gangliosidosis (GM1/GLB1)	BAL, OLH, OSH, PEB, SIA, SYL, SYS	
Gangliosidosis (GM2/HEXB)	BUR	Obligatory, refer to chapter 6
Glycogen Storage Disease type IV (GSD IV)	NFO	Obligatory, refer to chapter 6
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (MyBPC3/A31P)	MCO	
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Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD1/AD-PKD)	EXO, PER, BRI	
Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (PK)	ABY, BEN, SOM	
Retinal Degeneration II (CEP290/rdAc-PRA)	ABY, OCI, SOM, BAL, OLH, OSH, PEB, SIA, SYL, SYS	
Spinal Muscular Athrophy (SMA)	MCO	
Buccal swabs	All breeds	For each cat the swabs are put in an envelope marked with the cat's name and microchip number. These can easily be stored in a dry place. If needed, the swabs can be used for future genetic testing.



HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

Examination	Remark / Breed	Obligatory
BAER (brainstem auditory evoked response) testing for deafness	Deaf cats are not allowed for breeding, refer to article 3.6.	
Electrocardiogram or ultrasound examination for heart disease	EXO, PER, MCO, RAG, BRI, SPH	
Health examination	If a certain health problem is common in a breed it is recommended to ask a specialised veterinarian to do an examination on the cat before breeding.	
Ophthalmic examination (PRA, Cataract, etc.)	ABY, BEN, OCI, RUS, SOM, BAL, OLH, OSH, PEB, SIA, SYS, SYL	
Testicles normal and descended into the scrotal sac	Veterinary certificate obligatory for males before breeding, refer to article 3.2.	
Umbilical hernia	Cats with an umbilical hernia are not allowed for breeding, refer to article 3.6.	X
X-ray for patellar luxation and/or hip dysplasia	EXO, PER, MCO, NFO, ABY, BEN, DRX, SOM	