

The rainbow is a symbolic bridge between the 6 Continents where the WCF is established. It signifies acceptance of the diversity of life together with the common bond of our love of cats. This is what makes the WCF so special.



# "How does the World Cat Federation promote ethical & responsible breeding?"



## Code of ethics for breeders General; conditions for husbandry and breeding cats

### **General conditions**

Due to the different legislative situation in the member-countries we can only give general conditions, which are supervised by the member- organizations.

### **Country specific regulations**

Cat owners and cat breeders, who are associated to the WCF via their cat club, have to follow the laws and rules for the treatment of vertebrates, which are valid in their country.

### **Maintenance, veterinary**

That includes adequate feeding, maintenance and health-care of the cats. Cats showing any signs of illness have to be immediately presented to a veterinary. That has to be considered as a minimum requirement.

### **Rules for breeding and maintenance**

Each member-organization has to specify detailed rules for breeding and husbandry for its members, which are in conformation with country's particular circumstances.



In general the following has to be defined in these rules:

### **Female cats**

are permitted to give birth twice a year maximum. (min. 3 months between the litters). Ideally a queen should give birth to kittens only once a year.

### **Placement of kittens**

Young kittens are not allowed to be separated from their mother and litter mates before the 12th week. When placed young kittens must be weaned, de-wormed and equipped with the necessary vaccinations. It is strongly recommended to identify the kittens by micro-chip.

### **Registration, contract**

Each kitten born at a WCF member has to be registered and it is not allowed to be placed without pedigree. The kitten's placement has to be documented by the contract. With this contract the breeder has to inform the new owner of the cat about its needs. The breeder shall assist the new owner with his help.

## Seminar „Breeder of Excellence“



The official WCF Seminars Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3 for the certification "Breeder of Excellence" can be claimed by any WCF clubs.

The following topics are treated in the 3 parts of the seminar complex  
**“Breeder of Excellence.”**

Part 1, min. 9 hours:

Development of the domestication of the cat in the historical overview

Breed Studies from its beginnings to the present WCF standard1

Different character traits of the races in the WCF

Basic needs of the cat, place and space

Feeding the cat from kitten to senior

Vaccinations, international travel rules

Health care prevention

Diseases, their detection

WCF Cat Olimpia-an overview

Introduction to Competition Best Cat of WCF

Color genetics Part 1, color names, Introduction to the EMS code (WCF)

Responsible behavior as a breeder in the WCF "Code of Ethics", Breeding Rules



Part 2, min. 8 hours

Heredity

Color genetics Part 2, practicing the EMS code (WCF)

Inbreeding, outcrossing, breeding techniques

Selection of breeding stock

Pregnancy, gestation, nutrition of pregnant

Birth of the kittens, preparation

Problems before, during and after birth to detect and eliminate

Development of kittens, special needs at different life stages

The hologram sticker project

The European law for the protection of animals, the influence it has on the breeding of pedigree cats in the WCF

Part 3, min. 8 hours

Breed standards of the WCF

How is a standard developed?

How is the standard to be defined? Practical work on the example of some cats.

New breeds in the WCF, breeds in the recognition process.

Show rules

Traditional judging, Ring judgement

Rules for breeders, judges and student judges, stewards

The New Education System of the WCF



The behavior of breeders, judges, student-judges and stewards inside and outside exhibitions.

Loyalty - what is it?

Positions and personnel in the WCF. The current situation of the WCF

Ideas for the future of the WCF

After a breeder has successfully participated in the 3 parts of the seminar, he will be certified by WCF with the “Breeder of Excellence” award, which signifies knowledge about breeds, breeding and the them “Felinology” in general.

**WCF puts the attention on education instead on rules, as only education can open the breeders eyes to the important theme “ethical and responsible breeding”**

In each of the seminar part for participating student judge candidates a pre-test is offered to be held under the rules of the WCF. In addition participating student-judges and student-judge-candidates (stewards) can apply for a short language test which will be taken by one of the judges holding the seminar .A language certificate will be issued. Student judges will receive 2 certificates per seminar. Stewards will receive 2 certificates per seminar.

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