



**Application to join NFCC Breeders List
1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021**

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/)

Address

..... Postcode

Telephone No.

PREFIX

Website address

Email address

I/We agree to abide by the GCCF Code of Ethics, to give all kitten purchasers a membership form and an invitation to join the Norwegian Forest Cat Club. If I have a website I will link to the NFCC site, and expect a link to my home page in return.

Signature(s) of applicant(s) Date

Sponsor:

Novice breeders are required (for the first year) to have an experienced breeder (must be a current member of the NFCC breeders list) to act as a sponsor or mentor.

NAME of Sponsor

PREFIX

Signature of Sponsor

Note to sponsors

If you are asked to be a sponsor by a new breeder to the NFCC breeders list, the committee would like to ask you that this role is not taken lightly, that by offering yourself as a sponsor you are also offering yourself as a 'mentor'

**Please return the completed form and fees to Membership Secretary:
Jenny Thomas, 36 Spenser Avenue, North Walsham, Norfolk, NR28 9HZ**

Alternatively: This form may be scanned and returned by email to nfcclub@gmail.com with payment being made by PayPal on the club's website. **Note: Payment without a returned form does not constitute inclusion to the breeders list.**

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Date received Acknowledgement sent Date Hon Sec signed

Member notified Date added to breeder list

This is what is included in your £20 fee:

- Your name, prefix, county, phone number & web address on all our leaflets
- £5 donation to NFCC welfare
- Listing on the NFCC Website: please ensure you have a link to the Club website in return.
- Free advertising of your kittens on the NFCC kitten list
- Regular club adverts in the major cat magazines, which again point to the website.

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Tel: 01692 405088 – email nfcclub@gmail.com**

Your Details

NAME & ADDRESS.....

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COUNTY: TEL NO:

PREFIX:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

WEBSITE ADDRESS:

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Signed.....Date.....

QUESTIONS: Would you like the NFCC to advertise your Stud Cat? This would be through the Kitten/Breeder List co-ordinator and the NFCC Web site, (owners of studs would be identified by an *, which does not mean a public stud). If yes, then please include his details on a separate sheet of paper.

Do you breed any other Pedigree cats? If yes, which breeds?.....

SPONSOR: (Must currently be a member of the NFCC Breeders List)

Name/Signature_____

Please note: If you are asked to be a sponsor for a new breeder wishing to become a member of the NFCC Breeders List we would like to ask that you take this request very seriously – the Club would like to ask that you act as a ‘mentor’ for that breeder. This, we feel, would involve a varying amount of support and help being offered by you to that breeder. We would also like to feel that we would be able to come to you to act as an intermediary between the Club and that Breeder were there ever reason for the Club to contact them with regard to any ‘delicate’ issue.

Code of Ethics for Breeders & Owners

(Provided by GCCF and to be adhered to by ALL breeders on NFCC list.)

- Owners should think carefully and take advice before getting a kitten and choose a breed suited to their lifestyle. They should only keep as many cats as they can care for responsibly.
- Cats and kittens must be provided with warm and comfortable housing, with plenty of opportunity for exercise and play. The cat should be kept indoors at night for their own safety. Drinking water must be available at all times and cats must be fed regularly and adequately. Breeders will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing cats in a new home.
- All cats need some grooming to keep the cat in good condition and to check for parasites, e.g. fleas. Longhair cats need daily grooming to prevent the formation of knots and matted areas of fur which cause them considerable discomfort.
- Veterinary attention must be sought whenever a cat is showing signs of illness.
- Cats that are bought as pets, not for breeding, should be neutered or spayed at an age recommended by your veterinary surgeon. **If cats are registered on the Non-Active register, this means that under no circumstances should they be bred from; no progeny from these cats will be registered by the GCCF.**
- Breeders agree only to sell cats where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life. An offer should be made at the time of sale to help with the rehoming if at any time circumstances require the cat to be found a new home.
- Owners should not sell any cat to commercial cat wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow cats to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind.
- Breeders must not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise cats nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of the cats and must draw attention of purchase to the implications of the Non-Active register when selling pet kittens.
- Breeders selling kittens on the Active register should offer advice and support to the new owners. Owners should not breed cats in a way that is deleterious to the health of the cat or the breed.
- Owners should consider carefully the best means of identifying their cats in case it should become lost. This can be done by means of a microchip which can be painlessly inserted under the cat's skin by your veterinary surgeon and then registering the number of your cat with PetLog registration scheme run by Kennel Club/RSPCA and also by notifying the GCCF of the cat's chip number. The alternative is for the cat to wear some form of identification on a collar. However, there are dangers for cats wearing collars, as they may become hooked up and caught by them or more likely the collar will break or come off the cat's head, therefore preventing easy identification.
- Breeders/owners must ensure that all relevant Governing Council of the Cat Fancy documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a cat in accordance with Rule 10 (see below), including a copy of this code.

Recommendation The GCCF strongly recommends that no kitten should be permitted to go to a new home before 13 weeks of age. **At least seven days prior to this, the kitten should have completed a full course of vaccinations, including a health check, given by a Veterinary Surgeon or by a listed Veterinary Nurse under the direction of a Veterinary Surgeon.** The breeder should ensure that kittens are house-trained, inoculated and in good general health.

N.B. Transfer of Registration - GCCF Rule 10

10a When a cat or kitten is advertised or sold as a pedigree cat or kitten, the breeder shall at the time of sale provide the purchaser with a properly completed pedigree signed by the breeder, carrying 3 generations at least showing all the breed numbers and registration numbers, and also the breeder's name and address. If the vendor is not the breeder, the pedigree must additionally be signed by the vendor. **If the cat/kitten is not registered, a copy of the mating certificate (Rule 3d) shall be supplied by the vendor to the new owner.**

10b. i. If, at the time of sale, the cat or kitten is registered the seller shall provide the purchaser with the registration card provided by the GCCF to enable a transfer of ownership. If this card is lost, damaged or otherwise unavailable a manual transfer form must be provided, duly completed and signed by the seller.

(Amended 16.10.19)

ii. All cats and kittens must be fully vaccinated against infectious enteritis (FPV), FHV and FCV ("cat flu") at least one week prior to sale and/or leaving for a new home. Note: in the event of an emergency that requires a cat or kitten to be rehomed that is not fully vaccinated, the office should be informed as soon as possible.

(Amended 21.02.2018).

Recommendation

The GCCF recommends that new owners check they have all their paperwork for a new kitten including a pedigree, registration card and vaccination details showing two entries three weeks apart. **A kitten cover note giving five weeks free insurance is strongly advised.**

NB: NFCC Kitten List Ruling: Kittens will be advertised until they are either sold, or reach 13 weeks of age. It is the breeder's responsibility to advise the Kitten List Secretary when the kittens are sold, also to advise if the kittens are to remain on the list after reaching 13 weeks of age, by way of a fortnightly e-mail or telephone call. Kittens will automatically be removed at 13 weeks if no further notification is received.

Addition to the code, specific to NFCC, as agreed at the 2009 AGM: NFCC Breeders must not sell or rehome entire cats over the age of seven years.