

LaPerm Cat Club **Code of Ethics**

The general aim of the Club and its members is to protect and advance the interests of LaPerm Cats. This Code of Ethics is meant to illustrate how Members can get closer to achieving that aim. The following guidelines should be followed as a minimum requirement.

As an affiliated Club, members of the LaPerm Cat Club are bound to abide by all GCCF Rules. (Please note, ignorance will not be accepted as an excuse for breach of these Rules.) Copies of GCCF Rules are available from the GCCF.

LaPerm Cat Club members agree to

- 1- Abide by the GCCF Code of Ethics (www.gccfcats.org/ethics.html)
- 2- Only sell kittens/cats to homes where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and be willing to help with the rehoming of a cat if the initial circumstances change. Breeders should retain, where possible, a life-long interest of the kittens/cats they have sold or rehomed and should mentor new breeders to whom they have sold active registered cats.
- 3- Provide appropriate documents (e.g. vaccinations cards, pedigrees, transfer forms), and details of all dietary requirements, and supply guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing a cat or kitten in a new home. Ensure the owner realises that adequate provisions should be made for the cat in the even of his/her death.
- 4- Properly house and feed all cats under care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if required. Keep only as many cats as can be cared for adequately.
- 5- Conduct oneself in a proper manner at cat shows and treat judges, veterinary surgeons, show officials, exhibitors and their cats with respect, irrespective of circumstances. Encourage new members to do the same.
- 6- In the case of rejection under 'Section D' at a show or exhibition, the owner should notify the kitten list holder in order that kittens from the same household can be removed from the list until such time clearance is received.

Committee members shall abide by majority decisions irrespective of their own views and be supportive of each other and of the club as a whole. Committee members are reminded that all discussions are confidential; members who are in breach of this rule could face disciplinary action.

Please note, in the case of any infectious diseases* being diagnosed by a Veterinary Surgeon in the household or cattery, no cat owned or living at said address can attend any show or exhibition until one month after all cats owned and/or living at said address have been examined by a Veterinary Surgeon and pronounced free from evidence of the disease in question.

(*with the exception of Ringworm, Feline Leukaemia or Feline Immunodeficiency virus, which have different guidelines.)