

FELIS BRITANNICA BREEDING RULES

These rules are in addition to the current FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules and should be read in conjunction with those.

A link is available on the Felis Britannica and FIFe Websites.

1. General

- 1.1 The health and welfare of each individual cat or kitten must be the foremost concern for all breeders and owner of cats and kittens.

Responsible breeding based on genetic principles, disease prevention and an environment of love and comfort must be encouraged.

Accurate records regarding the health and breeding of cats and kittens must be kept.

- 1.2. It is not permitted to sell or give away cats with a FIFe Pedigree to pet shops or similar organisations, nor for any experimental research or testing.
- 1.3 It is not permitted for any member to offer/trade cats or services (such as stud service) by auction or similar actions, either in electronic or actual events.
- 1.4 The FIFe Breeding and Registration rules provides specific information as to the environment in which cats may be kept, including how studs should be housed and how queens should be allowed to kitten. Members are expected to make themselves fully aware of these rules, and to seek further help if they cannot be fully understood.

2. Vaccinations

- 2.1 Adult cats and kittens must have their vaccinations updated regularly upon advice from their veterinary surgeon.
- 2.2 All vaccines must be administered by an authorised veterinary professional and in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation. Vaccination must provide protection from at least feline panleukopenia, feline calici virus and feline herpes virus. Further vaccinations should be administered at the owners wish.
- 2.3 Homeopathic vaccinations/inoculations are not acceptable.
- 2.4 Kittens must not be re-homed until they have had a full course of vaccinations for the above diseases, unless otherwise directed by a veterinarian. Kittens should have completed their vaccination course not less than seven (7) days before re-homing.

3. Breeding Conditions

3.1 All breeding cats must be identified by either a microchip or tattoo and the details recorded in the pedigree records. An exception is granted for males not registered with FIFe.

3.2 All cats who are to be bred with must be healthy and free from genetic disease. A list of recommended/compulsory health screen can be found in the FIFe Breeding and Registration Rules Appendix II.

3.2 Studs

3.1.1 Before being used, a male cat must have a veterinary certificate confirming that both testicles are normal and descended into the scrotal sac. This certificate must be sent to the Registrar and the pedigree noted.

3.1.2 No stud owned by a member may be used for matings which will result in kittens who will not be registered with either a FIFe or non-FIFe organisation.

3.1.3 If the stud used is not registered with a FIFe member **Felis Britannica**, then a certified pedigree of the male along with **proof of ownership of the stud**, a certificate of mating, an entirety certificate, **any proof of health testing that either Felis Britannica or FIFe** require must be submitted with the resulting registration application.

3.2 Queens

3.2.1 All queens must be registered with Felis Britannica prior to the registration of her litter.

3.2.2. No queen may have more than three (3) litters in any period of twenty-four (24) months except with the *prior* approval of a veterinarian and/or the FIFe member.

4. Kittens

4.2.1 All kittens bred by a member must first be registered in Felis Britannica. This does not preclude registration in another organisation at a later date.

4.2.2 All kittens must be registered no later than 8 months of age.

4.2.3 No kitten may be re-homed unless it is at least ~~12~~ **14** weeks old AND have completed a full course of vaccinations, unless otherwise directed by a veterinarian. Kittens should have completed their vaccination course not less than seven (7) days before re-homing.

4.2.4 Any agreements or limitations placed upon kittens must be in writing and the breeder and purchaser should take care that both parties understand what such a document provides. Felis Britannica do not adjudicate in cases where any such agreement is broken.

5. Cats not allowed for breeding.

5.1 The FIFe Breeding and Registration Rules section 3.6 contains a list of cats which cannot be bred from and members should refer to these for clarification of the up to date list as this may change periodically.

6. Special Conditions or Health Tests for specific breeds

6.1 The FIFe Breeding and Registration Rules section 6 contains a list of breeds who have certain conditions that must be respected when breeding. Members should refer to these for clarification of the up to date requirements as these may change periodically.

- 6.2 A list of the genetics test that are mandatory or recommended can be found in Appendix I of the FIFe Breeding and Registration Rules
- 6.3 Felis Britannica require that PER/EXO cats have a PKD test certificate in accordance with The Felis Britannica Registration rules 2.6.