

Code of Conduct for Members of the Toyger Cat Club

1. Members undertake to house, feed and care for all their cats and kittens in a way that fully meets their welfare needs and in accordance with the GCCF Code of Conduct.
2. Members undertake to breed from studs and queens that comply with the breed standard, are healthy, and registered on the GCCF Active Register. Breeding cats should not exhibit any veterinary defect as listed in the preface to the GCCF Standard of Points nor exhibit any obvious hereditary defects.
3. Members must make prospective buyers aware of any veterinary defect or other abnormality exhibited by kittens prior to sale. Details of all such conditions must be disclosed to purchasers of affected kittens and recorded in writing in the sale agreement.
4. Members must not allow kittens to go to their new homes until at least one week after the second vaccination. ie 12 – 13 weeks. All such kittens will be fully inoculated against feline panleukopenia and cat “flu”(Feline calicivirus, feline herpes virus), free of internal and external parasites and in good health.

All pet kittens must be registered on the GCCF non-active register* and neutered prior to sale.

All kittens sold for breeding must comply with the breed standard, be registered on the GCCF Active Register* and only sold to purchasers who: (a.) Undertake in writing to comply with the GCCF Code of Conduct* as regards their future breeding activities and (b.) Neuter all kittens placed on the non-active register prior to sale.

*Or equivalent register/code with another recognised regulatory body.

Breeder members must make every effort to mentor novice breeders to whom they have sold kitten/s on the active register.

5. Members must take care to sell cats or kittens to suitable homes where their welfare needs will be fully met and undertake that no cat or kitten will be knowingly sold to pet shops, other traders or for unauthorised breeding. Early neutering prior to sale is obligatory as the only certain way to prevent the latter.
6. Members undertake to give guidance to the owners of a new kitten and undertake to help with rehoming if the owners circumstances change. **Breeders must take responsibility for the care of any Toyger they have bred if the owner is no longer able or willing to do so. All kitten contracts must include a clause stating the breeder has the right to take the kitten/cat back if the owner is no longer able to care for it and requiring the owner to contact the breeder in these circumstances.**
7. Members must only sell kittens that are fit for purpose ie they must not sell kittens for showing or breeding when it is apparent at the time of sale that the kitten does not have showing or breeding potential.
8. Breeder members wishing to outcross any Toyger must contact the committee for advice beforehand and inform the committee in writing of details (ie breed and sex) of outcross cats used to the committee on request.
8. **Members shall at all times show respect to other club members; any differences should be settled privately. Intimidation by malicious or verbal aggression is unacceptable. This also applies to all forms of social media.**

I/We agree to abide by this code of conduct.

Signed: Date:

NAME:(BLOCK CAPITALS)

When you are accepted as a member, a copy of this Code of Conduct will be sent for you to keep.