

INTERNATIONAL UKRMCS BREEDERS CODE OF ETHICS

The United Kingdom RagaMuffin Cat Society was founded by a group of breeders who sought recognition of the breed by the GCCF in the UK. The purpose of the club is the protection, preservation and promotion of the RagaMuffin, while advancing the breed to Championship status. All activities of the club are for the furtherance of the breed, based on those criteria. In keeping with those goals, the breeders of the UKRMCS agree to adhere to the following minimum standards.

I agree that since the RagaMuffin is a rare breed, furthering the interests of the RagaMuffin, (including the health and safety of breeding cats and litters) shall always be my primary consideration. Any other gain shall be secondary. I will neither sell nor represent cats not registered with the ACFA and or CFA, as RagaMuffins. I agree to breed discriminately and only upon strong evidence of the potential for finding suitable homes for the kittens.

I agree to maintain a high standard of health and care including adequate room for exercise, regular grooming, clean quarters and adequate food and water.

I agree to keep adequate records of all matings and pedigrees and to register breeding cats and litters with the ACFA/CFA and, if I choose, the GCCF.

I shall report all births, deaths and birth deformities to the UKRMCS. These records will be made available only for legitimate reasons and only with my permission. I shall euthanize any kitten with a deformity incompatible with a happy, comfortable life.

All breeding cats will be from Feline Leukemia, Feline Aids, and PKD negative lines. Breeding cats will also be DNA tested for the Ragdoll HCM gene and, if Heterozygous, I agree to work towards clearing the lines. Once achieved, the parent who tested Heterozygous will be spayed/neutered. If positive for PKD, the cats will be spayed/neutered.

I shall not breed a female until she is at least a year old unless she has been in season at least twice. I will not purposely breed any female more than three times in two years in line with UKRMCS recommendations. Any female who has severe birthing problems will be spayed.

I shall offer stud service only to owners of queens approved by the UKRMCS and who are breeder members of the Society.

Before selling a kitten on the active register, I shall ascertain that the buyer is fully aware of the ramifications of breeding: expenses, necessary facilities, time involved in care, good placement of kittens and responsibilities to buyers and other breeders.

The UKRMCS strongly recommends that if a breeder has enquiries for a kitten registered on the active register, they do all that they can to advise that living with a 'pet/show neuter' RagaMuffin is essential before deciding if the RagaMuffin is the breed for them.

If selling to the United Kingdom, I will only sell, or gift, a kitten on the active register to those breeders/buyers if they are members of the UKRMCS, have applied to become a Registered Breeder and are working towards fulfilling the relevant Registered Breeders criteria

I shall not sell a male, for stud purposes, to any breeder until they have completed their probationary period with the UKRMCS. They should also own a minimum of two compatible breeding queens.

I will refuse to sell to, buy from, or recommend breeders who do not conform to this code. I will not sell to cat wholesalers and retailers. I will not donate a RagaMuffin for raffle purposes.

I shall ascertain that all buyers know how to care for a cat or kitten, and make myself available to give advice and to mentor new and novice breeders.

I will give buyers an honest appraisal of a kitten's potential as a pet, breeder or show cat.

I will supply a receipt for all deposits received which states what happens if a buyer changes his mind. (Example: money forfeited, immediate refund, returned when kitten is sold, etc.)

At least a 4 generation pedigree will be provided with pet kittens, but registration forms may be withheld until the breeder receives a veterinarian's certificate of neutering in accordance with UKRMCS/RAG Guidelines. All breeder/show kittens will have pedigrees and registration forms provided with them. I will not sell kittens until they are 13 weeks old or SEVEN days after completion of vaccination course..

Before a kitten is sold it must receive immunizations for feline enteritis, herpes, calicivirus and/ or those deemed appropriate by the attending veterinarian, for its age. Kittens shall be free of all external and internal parasites (worms, fleas, ear mites, fungus, etc.)

'Pet' owners will be encouraged to join UKRMCS to help in the compilation of information.

Advertising, written or oral compiled by myself shall be factual and not worded so as to encourage breeding as an easy way to make money.

I agree to guard the reputation of all UKRMCS breeders with as much enthusiasm as my own and have fulfilled the clubs Registered Breeders Criteria.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Joint breeders must both sign this declaration