

Important Notice to Members

Membership Eligibility

CatsWA Governing Council met on 13 February 2017 and discussed a request from a member to Lease cats to another member of the same household who was a member of ANCATS. This request raised several issues as our conduct as a Registering body under the Cat Act 2011 requires a much higher level of accountability for our registered breeders. This issue has also been addressed by other registering bodies around Australia with increasing government levels of legislation around cat ownership as well as registration bodies' responsibility for the integrity of the pedigree records.

A pedigree kitten cannot be registered with two different bodies and CatsWA requires our breeders to register all kittens. CatsWA has a responsibility to provide oversight of our members in regards to cat ownership but most particularly of breeders to ensure the rules of CatsWA and the Cat Act 2011 are met.

In line with ACF and CCCA registration bodies CatsWA Governing Council passed rule at the meeting on 13 February 2017 that

“Members living in the same household must belong to only one registering body / association”.

This decision was ratified in the meeting held on 30 March 2017 and becomes a Bylaw for Cats WA. The Breeders Code of Conduct will be updated; however, the rule applies from 13 February 2017.

The reasons for this decision are

- CatsWA is expected to be responsible for monitoring our registered breeders and kitten registration and pedigrees.
- When kittens and cats are bred and sold by members of two associations from the same household, this is very difficult.
- Any complaint would be impossible to investigate, especially when two breeders from the same household are breeding the same breeds, possibly with the same cats
- Not all registering bodies are as strict as CatsWA and may allow activities (such as export or sale through agents) which would reflect badly on CatsWA and the membership.

Governing Council
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