

# Association of Feline Clubs- AFC



**Breeding statute**

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## Breeding statute AFC

The general welfare and health of all cats should be the most important provisions for all clubs, catteries, breeders and owners of cats in AFC. These rules are general guidelines, and should be adapted and followed taking into account local circumstances and culture allow each country.

The main task of the breeding work of the AFC clubs is to improve the quality of breeding cats of recognized breeds in the AFC, as well as quality work on experimental and partially recognized breeds according to the AFC standards, to develop new colors in recognized breeds, to assist club members in breeding and improving cat breeds. Breeding work is carried out by the Breeding Commission of the club, in accordance with this Regulation.

Breeding work is carried out according in **two Stud Books**: to the **Full** (Main) **Register** (as the **LO** (Livre d'Origine) Register) and a Supplementary or Experimental Register as the **RIEX** (Registre Initial et Experimental).

### 1- Breeding Commission -A

#### A.1. - Standard/Breeding Commission of Association carries out:

- General management, coordination and control of compliance with the rules and standards of cat breeds in clubs
- Works in close cooperation with the **Standard/Breeding Commission** of the Clubs
- Approves the times and form of reports on the breeding work of the clubs
- Registers breeding cats in the Unified Register and checks the correctness of documents on the origin (pedigrees) of these cats ([afc.reiting@mail.ru](mailto:afc.reiting@mail.ru))
- Sends a report on the inspection of registered cats to the clubs at least once a quarter (3 months) ([afc.pedigree@mail.ru](mailto:afc.pedigree@mail.ru))
- Realize control over the management of breeding documentation by clubs (Stud books) at least once a year at the request of the Association ([afc-office@mail.ru](mailto:afc-office@mail.ru))
- Controls the assignment of title titles (Young Champion, Champion, International Champion, Big International Champion) by clubs at least once a quarter ([afc-titul@mail.ru](mailto:afc-titul@mail.ru))
- Assigns numbers in Title Certificates, starting with the European/Asian Champion ([afc-titul@mail.ru](mailto:afc-titul@mail.ru))
- Registers Catteries at least once a month (from the 25th to the 30th day of each month) ([afc.cattery@mail.ru](mailto:afc.cattery@mail.ru))
- Monitors and corrects registered Catteries at the end of each calendar year
- Makes changes and additions to this Breeding Statute of AFC

#### A.2. - Standard/Breeding Commission of the Clubs carries out:

- The registration of pedigree cats in the Stud books, and issues documents on the origins, prepares title certificate
- General management, coordination and control over compliance with the rules and standards of cat breeds by breeders and in the club's catteries
- Works in close cooperation with breeders and catteries
- Approves the terms and form of the report on the breeding work of catteries
- Performs selection of pairs and selection of breeding cats

- Independently selects the breeding method (planned or consultative)
- Enters the Registration of breeding cats from the Unified Register in the Unified database of the club
  - Issues certificates of registration of cats of the established sample
  - Makes changes (if necessary) to the Unified Database after receiving the report on the verification of documents of registered cats
- Enters the Registration of kittens in the Studbooks (Main or Experimental).
- Issues breeding documents of origin (Certificates of registration of kittens; Pedigrees) of a single, established sample with a single numerology
  - Breeding documents can only be issued from registered cats listed in the club's Unified Database.
  - It is necessary to take into account the future felinological system of the kitten (with the EMS code or full words; 4 or 5 generations of ancestors)

#### Class NOVICE:

A cat without pedigree, which is at least 6 months old. To be registered in the RIEX book and to receive a Certificate (not pedigree), the cat must be shown on an exhibition and must receive an "Excellent". The signatures of two judges are required

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- Provides a report on issued Pedigrees on e-mail: [afc-gologramma@mail.ru](mailto:afc-gologramma@mail.ru) from the 25th to the 30th day monthly
- Provides the Main and Experimental Stud Books for checking at least once a year
- Issues Title certificates with the provision of a report quarterly (once in 3 months) no later than the 30th day on e-mail: [afc-titul@mail.ru](mailto:afc-titul@mail.ru)
- Organizes consultations and seminars
- Independently selects the breeding method (planned or consultative)

## 2 – Stud books – B

### B – Stud books

All producers from which kittens are registered must have documents of origin. Registration of kittens is conducted according to two books: The Main **-LO** (purebred breeding) and Experimental- **RIEX** (interbreed breeding, and Certified cats).

#### B.1. – Full Register – LO (Main Stud book)

In the Main Stud Book, purebred breeding is registered. Cats listed in the Main Stud Book must have a pedigree indicating the ancestors of at least 4 generations, Kittens with vices receive a certificate -pedigree marked: "without the right of breeding»- only 2 generations.

#### B.2. – Experimental Register - RIEX (Experimental Stud book)

The Experimental Breeding Book includes cats that have not fulfilled the conditions of the Main Breeding Book (namely purebred breeding), but also have a pedigree (at least in 4 generations), as well as cats from the Novice class that have breed certificates up to fixing information in 4 generations.

#### B.3. – Numbering in pedigree books

The numbering of the litters of each calendar year starts from 01.

### 3 – Catteries – C

#### C.1. – Regulations on catteries

All breeders who have registered a cattery in the AFC are required to comply with

« **Regulations on AFC catteries** »

[http://afclubs.ru/index/polozhenie\\_o\\_pitomnikakh\\_afc/0-17](http://afclubs.ru/index/polozhenie_o_pitomnikakh_afc/0-17)

#### C.2. –Registration of catteries

C.2.1. - Registration of catteries is carried out once a month (from the 25th to the 30th day of each month) [http://afclubs.ru/index/zajavka\\_na\\_oformlenie\\_pitomnika/0-20](http://afclubs.ru/index/zajavka_na_oformlenie_pitomnika/0-20)

C.2.2. - Data on registered catteries are entered in the Register of Catteries of the Association, the data is published on the website [https://afclubs.ru/index/pitomniki\\_po\\_nomeram/0-97](https://afclubs.ru/index/pitomniki_po_nomeram/0-97)

C.2.3. - The breeder must be a member of a AFC-Club. The cattery must have a registered AFC cattery name. All information such as the name of breeder, address, breeds, etc. have to be current and updated as soon as there are changes.

The registering breeder/cattery must be the legal owner of the cats and be able to prove ownership. The breeder/cattery has to follow the AFC and member club's breeding rules and the local government laws concerning the protection of animals, including the commercial registration of the cattery and breeding stock, where required.

#### C.3. – Updating cattery lists

C.3.1. - All corrections to the lists of catteries in the clubs are made by the Clubs according to the entries in the Stud Books at the end of each calendar year.

C.3.2. - The cattery lists in the Association's Cattery Register are adjusted at the end of each calendar year according to the Club reports.

#### C.4. – Removing catteries from the Association's Cattery Register

C.4.1. - Catteries that did not work during the calendar year are transferred to the Archive for a period of 1 year.

C.4.2. - If the cattery is not working for 2 years, it is completely removed from the Cattery Register.

### 4 - Breeding Cats – D

#### D.1. – Organization of breeding work in clubs

Breeding work should be organized in such a way that each club has thoroughbred, healthy producers that meet international standards.

At least standards according to the animal protection law of the breeder's country have to be executed.

The cattery and cat rooms have to be of adequate size and offer protection against heat, cold and drafts.

They should allow enough natural daylight and be maintained in a good state of repair and - standard of hygiene. Regular human contact and socialization must be provided, as well as the encouragement of natural behavior, like scratching, hiding and playing.

#### D.2. – Breeding cats

Breeding cats are those males and females that:

- satisfied the veterinary requirements
- registered in the Unified Database of the club (Registered in the Unified Register of the Association)
- satisfy the requirements of the exterior standard
- Able to leave breeding offspring with excellent heredity

### **D.3. – Assessment of breeding appropriateness**

D.3.1 - Assessment of the breeding appropriateness of cats, their screening and selection of pairs is one of the main activities of breeding work, and is a comprehensive assessment of cats on the exterior, origin and offspring

D.3.2. - Breeding cats on the exterior should have a rating: males - not lower than "excellent", females - not lower than "very good"

### **D.4. – Admission for breeding**

D.4.1 - In AFC clubs, cats not younger than 10 months and not older than 8 years are allowed to breed (the age is agreed with the Breeding Commission of the Club).

The Breeding Commission has the right to reduce or increase the period of breeding activity of animals, depending on the state of health and breeding level.

D.4.2. - Breeding males and females are allowed for breeding:

- breeds, that satisfy the requirements of the standard
- having the title "Champion" of the breed  
(confirmed by the title certificate according to the AFC system).

D.4.3. - At the discretion of the Breeding Commission of the Club, cats who do not have this title, but have a rating: males - not lower than "excellent", females - not lower than "very good" can be allowed to breed with a special permit, followed by bonitirovka-(individual assessment of kittens which establishes the breeding qualities of each kitten by assessing them by a set of characteristics of all offspring.

### **D.5. – Termination of admission to breeding**

D.5.1. - The admission of cats to breeding work can be terminated by the Breeding Commission at any time if the offspring from this cat does not satisfy the breed standard, as well as has a number of faults and disqualification signs from the Main List of faults and disqualifications.  
[http://afclubs.ru/basic\\_rules/osnovnye\\_nedostatki\\_dlja\\_vsekh\\_porod\\_diskvalifikac.pdf](http://afclubs.ru/basic_rules/osnovnye_nedostatki_dlja_vsekh_porod_diskvalifikac.pdf)

D.5.2. - Males and females cannot be withdrawn from breeding due to minor faults described in the AFC breed Standard

## **5 - Regulation on mating – E**

### **E.1. – Obtaining viable offspring**

E.1.1. - To obtain viable offspring, one cat is allowed to receive 3 litters in 2 years.

E.1.2. - The interval between the birth of the previous litter and the next mating should be at least 4 months.

E.1.3. - The break between the miscarriage or death of kittens and the next mating should be at least 2 months.

E.1.4. - In one mating, a female can be pairing up with only one male.

E.1.5. - In 1 calendar year, a breeding male can get up to 36 mating meeting. The interval between mating is at least 10 days.

E.1.6. - Unauthorized crossbreeding (father-daughter, brother-sister, mother-son) is not allowed. Permission for close inbreeding is issued by the club's Breeding Commission

E.1.7. - The question of certain interbreed mating when working with experimental breeds and colors is decided by the Breeding Commission of the Club (if the Club have breeding program for this deviations).

## **E.2. - Direction for mating (*recommendation*)**

It is given by the Breeding Commission of the Club to a breeding female before meeting to a certain breeding male for 1 mating.

## **E.3. - The act of mating(*recommendation*)**

E.3.1. - Issued by the club to a breeding female before mating in the case of independent selection of a pair by the breeder, or to a cattery in the presence of their own breeding male.

E.3.2. - The owner of the female can independently choose the male for mating

E.3.3. - The owner of the female, who independently selected a partner for mating, must submit to the club the mating certificate, established by the club, within 1 month after mating, along with a copy of the pedigree and copies of the male's title certificates. In the absence of one of the above documents, the Breeding Commission has the right to refuse the owner of female to issue documents on the origin of the kittens.

E.3.4. - The owner of female is obliged to inform the owner of the male and the Breeding Commission of the club about the birth of kittens within 3-5 days borning a litter.

## **6 - Registration of a litter – F**

### **F.1. – Registration of kittens**

F.1.1. – Registration of kittens, issuance of Certificate of registration of a kitten (birth certificates-2 generations of ancestors), and pedigrees (certificates of origin- minimum 4 generations of ancestors), can be given only from registered parents (Unified Register of cats AFC).  
[http://afclubs.ru/index/polozhenie\\_o\\_registracii\\_koshek\\_v\\_afc/0-37](http://afclubs.ru/index/polozhenie_o_registracii_koshek_v_afc/0-37)

F.1.2. – For litters, from unregistered parents in the Unified Register of AFC-the club can't give any documents

F.1.3. – Registration of kittens is carried out by a felinologist of the club or a designated person not earlier than 45 days from the date of birth of kittens, it is desirable to do this after the first vaccination. (Without a mark on the vaccination in the veterinary passport, it is better not to allow kittens for registration- *recommendation*)

### **F.2. – Registration document of a litter**

Data on the born kittens are entered in one of the Stud Books of the club. The reason for this are parent's documents. This document must signed by the owner of the cat. (In this document must be information: number from Stud Book date of birth, breed, color of each kitten; information about parents, name of a cattery; information about breeder; date of registration)

### **F.3. – Certificate of registration of a kitten**

F.3.1. - At registration, the submitted kittens are issued Certificates of registration of kittens (birth certificates-2 generations of ancestors), which later serve as the basis for issuing the main document of origin – Pedigree (certificates of origin- minimum 4 generations of ancestors)

F.3.2. - Registration numbers for kittens in the certificate are entered according to the numbers from the Stud Book.

F.3.3. -The names of the born kittens are given by the breeder of the cat at his option, taking into account the rules of the club in which the breeder is a member (for example, may be based on the current letter in the Stud Book of the cattery)

F.3.4. - Registration of the litter, certificates of registration of kittens, pedigrees are paid by the owner of the cat at the rate of the club.

#### **F.4. – Pedigree**

**Pedigrees can be issued to 4 generations of ancestors for domestic use or 5 generations of ancestors for export.**

F.4.1. - Pedigrees are issued only from registered producers in the Unified Register of AFC Registration and receiving the verification report of these documents from the central office. This will avoid 60% of errors in the documents.

F.4.2. – The pedigree is issued on the basis of an entry in the Stud Book, only in the club that gave the breeding number for the kitten.

F.4.3. - The exception is the reissue of pedigrees containing errors.

F.4.4. - According to the issued certificates of registration of kitten, Pedigrees are issued only within 1 year.

F.4.5. - A pedigree is an official document of origin. After the registration-printing of the pedigree, any corrections in the documents are not allowed.

F.4.6. - Pedigrees are done only in the English language. Pedigrees are certified with the club's stamp and the signature of the person responsible for issuing them. The pedigree has a hologram with an individual number and is published on the AFC official website after the club provides a report.

<http://afclubs.ru/index/rodoslovnje/0-209>

F.4.5. - Cats that have the status - "Without the right of breeding", receive a Certificate-pedigree of the established sample - 2 generations of ancestors or Full Pedigree-4 generations of ancestors, but without breeding numbers.

F.4.6. - Pedigrees are paid either by the breeder (the owner of the female or by the new owner of the kitten at the club's price.

### **7 - Transfer of kittens to a new owner – G**

#### **G.1. – Age**

Kittens must be transferred to a new owner at the age of at least 3 months

#### **G.2. – Documents**

With a kitten, the new owner must get:

- recommendations for care and keeping
- veterinary passport with marks on vaccinations, (preferably chipping)
- a document of the "Agreement to transfer ownership of the kitten" - Transfer
- if the breeder did not inform the club about the restrictions "Without the right to breed" for the issuance of full documents-pedigree, the Club has the right to issue a full pedigree for the kitten

#### **G.3. - Hidden defects and pathologies**

Hidden defects and pathologies of internal organs that are not determined

on litter inspection are not subject to liability either on the part of the Club and the Breeding Commission of the club, or on the part of the breeder if they don't know about it.



## **8 - Registration-breeding documents of the club – H**

All documents have a single form of registration in all clubs of the Association

<http://afclubs.ru/index/dokumentacija/0-68>

### **H.1. - Certificate of registration of cats (*electronic form*)**

It is issued by the office and issued by the Club after registration

[https://afclubs.ru/index/registracija\\_koshek\\_on\\_line/0-49](https://afclubs.ru/index/registracija_koshek_on_line/0-49)

in the Unified Register of AFC on the system's website and assignment of a number in the Unified Register of registered manufacturers [https://afclubs.ru/index/china\\_regions/0-50](https://afclubs.ru/index/china_regions/0-50)

### **H.2. - Certificate of a cattery (*electronic form*)**

It is issued by the office and issued by the Club after registration by the owner in an AFC on the website system and assign a number in the Unified Register Catteries of Association

[http://afclubs.ru/index/zajavka\\_na\\_oformlenie\\_pitomnika/0-20](http://afclubs.ru/index/zajavka_na_oformlenie_pitomnika/0-20)

### **H.3. - Certificate of registration of a kitten**

Issued to kittens born in the club, at the age of not earlier than 45 days old. The basis for the issue of certificates is the Registration document of a litter, created on the basis of an entry in the Stud Book. When transferring a kitten, the breeder must indicate in the certificate "With the right of breeding" or "Without the right of breeding" and the name of the new owner. The Club does not issue a duplicate of the certificates.

### **H.4. - Pedigree**

Issued within 1 year from the date of birth of the kittens. The basis for issuing a pedigree is a certificate of registration of a kitten.

Number in pedigree must be the same number in certificate of registration of a kitten.

### **H.5. – Transfer**

When selling a kitten and transferring it to a new owner, you must also issue a document on the transfer of ownership rights

### **H.6. – Title certificate**

Issued on the basis of the estimates in this title class licensed shows in accordance with the rules set titles in an AFC after the closure of the title, to participate in the exhibition next class when providing in Club:

- Applications for registration of the Title Certificate
- Scans of diplomas from cat-shows, with the title estimates received in this class

[http://afclubs.ru/index/pravila\\_nabora\\_titulov\\_v\\_afc/0-21](http://afclubs.ru/index/pravila_nabora_titulov_v_afc/0-21)