



KITTEN ADOPTION/PURCHASE INFORMATION

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When you purchase a kitten or cat from Damewood this document provides the details, obligations and guarantees that will apply.

If you have any questions or concerns, please allow us to address them prior to paying a deposit.

Please sign the last page of this document and send a copy to us (email or text) to confirm you are in understanding of the following details.

BREEDER "SELLER" OBLIGATIONS

I, Meredith White of Damewood commit to standing by the kittens that I have bred. The following details my commitment to them and to the families that purchase them.

The seller ensures that the kitten/cat at time of collection or transport is outwardly healthy, has received a minimum of two vaccinations, is microchipped, has been regularly wormed and is sterilized (desexed), unless a medical reason applies.

The seller will not offer a refund and the 15-month age guarantee does not apply/cover against the disease FIP (Feline Infectious Peritonitis). Please read the website FAQs page on www.fipcatsaustralia.org.au which provides the most up to date information on this previously fatal, but now treatable disease.

Coronavirus/FIP is part of 90% of the multi-cat households and breeding homes around the world. The mutation can happen without any responsibility of a human and especially the breeder.

If, in the rare circumstance, your kitten/cat develops FIP, all costs associated with treatment are to be borne by the buyer noting that most pet health insurance companies now cover the cost as it is considered a medical disease, less any excess payable.

The seller ensures that the kitten/cat's parents have tested negative from ALS and PKD (Autoimmune Lymphoproliferative Syndrome) and PKD (Polycystic Kidney Disease) and the buyer may request copies of these genetic tests to confirm details as necessary.

The seller is not responsible for any distress caused on the kitten/cat on its travel home to you.

If the kitten is found to be medically unwell due to an untreatable or life-threatening "genetic condition" before the cat is 15-months of age, it must be reported to the breeder immediately and within 48 hours of any veterinary treatment/euthanasia.

We will offer a replacement kitten of equal quality/value within the following 12-month period. This will only be done on sight of a certified veterinary certificate of diagnosis of death or a verifiable post mortem (necropsy) showing the cats full details.

Only under special circumstances, will we refund the purchase price, however failure to report the illness/death within 48 hours renders this arrangement/guarantee null and void.

All veterinary costs (other than the pet health insurance excess) which can be claimed from Damewood within the first 30-days after collection once the veterinary diagnosis is sent through to us prior and ensuring we are notified of any claimed illness within 48 hours) will be at the buyer's expense. All ongoing veterinary costs after 30-days are at the buyer's expense.

ADOPTING FAMILY "BUYER" OBLIGATIONS

From April 2025, Damewood advises and requests that all buyers arrange pet insurance for the first 24-months of ownership (which value equates-more or less- to a large cup of coffee each week).

Damewood provides vet cover for 30-days (4 weeks) from date of collection, after which time it will be the buyers responsibility to ensure adequate cover and quality veterinary care is provided as necessary.

We suggest discussing the quality/type of pet insurance with your veterinary clinic to see if they can recommend a company, for example, one that your clinic may do regular business with, which pays out-of-pocket expenses directly to the clinic and further includes cover for FIP treatments.

The third vaccination (if undertaken) is also at the buyers cost and is due at approximately 16 weeks of age (usually 4 weeks after collection).

The buyer agrees to provide the cat with a clean, pleasant environment, conducive to good health and with adequate space for exercise. The buyer will provide the kitten/cat with proper nutrition ensuring fresh water is provided daily.

The buyer will provide the cat with proper veterinarian care including annual vaccines, and companionship. Any significant health conditions during the cat's lifetime will be reported to the seller.

The buyer agrees the kitten/cat will live indoors only and will not let the cat roam outdoors. Letting the kitten/cat roam outdoors is a violation of the purchase.

The buyer will not declaw the kitten/cat at any stage. De-clawing is a violation of purchase.

In the event that the buyer can no longer keep the kitten/cat, the seller will be contacted immediately as first option to assist in the placement of the cat.

Problems with your new kitten?

If you have any problems at all with your new kitten, please contact Damewood as soon as possible. This can be done by contacting us either at damewoodcatco@gmail.com or by telephone **0412 015 556**. I am always happy to talk through any issues your new baby has settling into its new environment and home. If the issue cannot be resolved despite my and the new family's best efforts then the kitten may be returned to Damewood at the buyer's cost, less the \$1,000 non-refundable deposit within 14-days.

Sickness in your kitten

Should you have any concerns about the health of your kitten please contact Damewood immediately and if needed, do not hesitate to consult a veterinarian. We recommend that you keep as many notes as necessary such as

dates/times, of any minor/major changes in function, such as eating, toileting, playing or even sleeping habits, that appear different or unusual from the regular day-to-day, and/or if they display a significant change in function/behaviour including but not limited to lethargy, if they stop eating/toileting for more than 24-hours, have watery eyes or nose discharge, constipation etc, please consult a veterinarian immediately and within 24-hours. It may be good to note where the closest 24-hour vet clinic is located to your home.

Damewood do everything possible to ensure your baby is a happy, healthy and well socialized kitten, but sometimes something may go wrong through no fault of the breeding or upbringing. Again, if you believe the kitten has an illness/problem originating from our cattery within 30-days of collection, please contact us and further consult a vet as soon as practical.

If your vet concurs that the illness/problem has originated here at Damewood, I will reimburse the value of the insurance excess on receipt of a Veterinary Report and will further request a copy of the medical record/account from your vet. Damewood will make no other cash payments or refunds without an official veterinary report, in the name of the kitten, including the buyers name, showing the microchip number and pertinent kitten particulars.

If your kitten, shows signs of a genetic defect within 12 months of ownership, such as HCM, and this is confirmed by veterinary tests, we will offer you a similar quality kitten from the next available litter, (in the tragic case of the kitten or cat dying), or offering a discount on another kitten, depending on each individual cat's situation.

Please note, original freight and travel costs are not refunded. Buyers are responsible for all freight charges back to Damewood.

Isolating the new kitten from any other family pets

If you have any other family pets it is extremely important to isolate your new kitten from them for a period of 7-days (or at least one full week). Your new kitten has left Damewood in good health but as Damewood does regularly show its cats there is always a risk of picking up minor colds or infections from other exhibits. These all have an incubation period, which means that an infection may be brewing but not yet apparent.

We take great care with all our show cats and thoroughly disinfect all show-exposed items (including ourselves and the cats!) after we return home.

A kitten is put under stress when it moves to its new home, which can lower its immune system and allow a bug to take hold. A kitten under stress is also more vulnerable to any bugs that may exist in your household that your other pets may be immune to.

Therefore, by isolating your new kitten you will ensure that in the rare occurrence of an infection that only the kitten will require vet treatment. As written above if your kitten develops an illness traced back to Damewood within the first 30-days, we will cover the excess payment to the insurance company so that immediate and adequate veterinary care can be provided.

Appropriate Vet treatment

Should your kitten become ill then contact me as soon as possible. Take your kitten/cat to the vet if you are worried at all, even if you think you are being over anxious. Better to feel a bit silly than end up with a dead kitten. Kittens can be fragile things and show little symptoms of a potentially serious problem.

Please do vaccinate, worm and flea treat your Damewood kitten/cat regularly throughout its life.

Keeping your kitten/cat Indoors only

We strongly advise keeping your Damewood kitten/cat safely indoors and/or if at all possible, provide a safe/secure garden or veranda enclosure with all the necessary comforts to ensure suitable enrichment during daylight hours.

Most cats have reasonably strong hunting instincts and cats are blamed for the destruction of many of our native wildlife. They are often a target for thieves as well because of their striking looks and amenable personalities.

The strongest reason to keep them secure is of course the major risk of serious injury or death by a motor vehicle. Statistics show that vehicles are one of the highest causes of mortality for the domestic cat.

Please return your kitten/cat to Damewood in the event you cannot keep it. Should life take a different path and for whatever reason you cannot keep your Damewood, then it is to be returned to us, to find another home. This does not

constitute any claim for a refund and any/all travel back to Damewood is at the buyer's expense.

In the event of death

If your kitten/cat dies from a sudden/unexpected illness within the first 12 months of ownership (to clarify, the illness will occur before the cat is 15 months of age), that your vet suspects may be one that is carried genetically, I need you to carefully consider allowing a post-mortem to confirm the cause of death. Yes, this is a difficult subject at the best of times much less in a time of shock and grief but as a breeder that wants to breed healthy cats, I need to know for sure, if any of my breeding cats may be carrying harmful genes.

If the post mortem confirms a genetic disease, then we will offer to replace the cat (as long as the age of the cat is 15 months of age or younger) however in special circumstances, we may choose to refund the full purchase price if we feel we will not be able to provide a kitten of suitable quality within the following 12 months.

Regular updates

I ask that all new families to send news and hopefully photos of your Damewood kitten/cat to me several times a year (Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter). This is important to me for a several reasons.

Firstly, I do love each kitten I breed and it means so much to know that they are continuing to enjoy life and living up to the quality standards and practices of our breeding program. Damewood kittens/cats are part of a well-loved and admired community, both domestically and internationally.

Secondly, I need to keep up with the health status of all my kittens to ensure I am continuing to breed healthy cats that will give their new families years of pleasure.

Thirdly, photos are very useful to see if my goal of breeding show standard cats that could potentially be sold Internationally, is on track. Believe it or not, but it is actually quite difficult to tell if that cute 5, 8 or 12-week-old kitten will grow into a cat worthy of being shown on the international show circuit.

I/we have read all of the above details carefully, and have addressed any questions and concerns directly with Damewood prior to signing below. We

acknowledge to the best of our abilities this document and understand the ongoing commitment and responsibilities in owning a Damewood kitten/cat.

Signed : _____ Date: _____

Print name/s : _____

Name of kitten : _____

Please send a signed copy of this page to:

damewoodcatco@gmail.com Text a screen shot to **0412 015 556**.