



Club du Rex de Cornouailles du Canada
Cornish Rex Club of Canada



THE CODE OF ETHICS

SUMMARY

This Code of Ethics applies to all breeders who are members of the Cornish Rex Club of Canada (CRCC). Its objective is to provide breeders with a guideline as to the values to be adopted in the management of a professional, respectful, conscientious and responsible breeding program.

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INTRODUCTION

It is the responsibility of all breeders to produce cats that meet the requirements of the Canadian breed standard and to comply with appropriate ethical business practices when buying, breeding and selling cats.

In addition, every breeder club member has obligations to the public, other breeders, animals and the environment.

1. Obligations to the public

1.1 Informing the public

- 1.1.1 The breeder is able to provide truthful and up-to-date information about the Cornish Rex breed to the public and respond as best as possible to the questions put to them. When the breeder is uncertain, he/she can direct the person to other reputable resources.
- 1.1.2 The breeder keeps up to date on current health issues, best breeding practices and breed standards to ensure the transmission of the most accurate information possible.
- 1.1.3 The breeder supports the club's efforts with the Canadian authorities regarding the recognition of the Cornish Rex breed. The information circulating on this subject must always be truthful and current. The public can count on the breeders of the club to represent the Cornish Rex at their best.

1.2 Protecting the public

- 1.2.1 The breeder remains transparent in his words and his actions but can intervene in a situation where a member of the public is aggrieved or misinformed.
- 1.2.2 The breeder supports the efforts made by associations or groups of breeders to improve breeding practices in Canada.
- 1.2.3 The breeder recognizes the efforts of other breeders and supports them if these efforts are aimed at improving the quality of the bloodlines.

2. Respect toward the client

2.1 Informing the client

- 2.1.1 The breeder informs his client about the characteristics of the breed, the characteristics of the kitten concerned, the origin of his parents, his genealogy, his condition and all that could influence the decision to purchase the kitten.
- 2.1.2 The breeder informs his client when the kitten presents either a medical condition, a deviation in hair or breed type characteristics, a serious congenital or aesthetic defect that could disturb or oppress the client..
- 2.1.3 The breeder is able to refer his/her client to external resources once the kitten adopted, to allow him to offer him the best quality of life and the best possible care. The breeder remains accessible to his client for any question or request for advice.
- 2.1.4 The breeder will not present the Cornish Rex breed as a hypoallergenic breed.

2.2 Protecting the client

- 2.2.1 The sale of a kitten is sealed by a written contract in which all the characteristics, conditions of sale and guarantees are clearly defined. It is the breeder's responsibility to ensure that the contract contains clauses that are easy to interpret and as detailed as possible, especially with respect to the application of the warranty.
- 2.2.2 The breeder informs the client when the kitten is affected by a viral, bacterial or parasitic disease, unless it is completely cured at the time of sale and does not remain a source of contamination for the other animals of the client. This is especially important when the kitten is sold to a family with other cats or as a breeder in another cattery because it could introduce unwanted infectious agents and cause a lot of hassle and expenses to families and / or breeders.
- 2.2.3 The breeder informs the client if the kitten has a genetic or congenital disease, even if no symptoms are apparent. The breeder informs the client about the potential risks of genetic diseases and the measures taken to try to eradicate such diseases in their bloodlines.

3. Respect toward other breeders

3.1 Cooperation with other breeders

- 3.1.1 The breeder remains transparent in his words and his actions but can intervene in a situation where another breeder is aggrieved or misinformed. However, the breeder remains impartial during conflicts and intervenes only in case of dispute.
- 3.1.2 The breeder supports the efforts made by associations or groups of breeders to improve breeding practices in Canada.
- 3.1.3 The breeder recognizes the efforts of the other breeders and supports them if these efforts are aimed at improving the quality of the breeding.
- 3.1.4 In an effort to continually improve Cornish Rex bloodlines, breeders can articulate constructive criticism when it is relevant and desired, and be open to constructive feedback from other breeders as well.

4. Respect toward animals and the breed

4.1 Respecting fundamental rights of cats

- 4.1.1 The breeder maintains adequate hygiene of his/her breeding facilities and allows cats to have access to water and food of sufficient quality and quantity.
- 4.1.2 The breeder strives, by all the means available, to preserve the harmony and the happiness of the cats living under his roof, whether permanent or temporary residents.
- 4.1.3 The breeder provides a stimulating, biologically appropriate environment for all cats living under his/her roof (ex: scratching post, shelves, cushions, safe toys etc).
- 4.1.4 The breeder updates his/her knowledge and continues to develop and improve breeding practices and protocols, with regard to the health of his cats and kittens (health screening tests, available medications, adapted veterinary care etc).
- 4.1.5 The breeder shall provide the necessary health and maintenance care to all cats under his care in the event of a particular disease or condition and shall only use euthanasia when the quality of life of the animal is

significantly and permanently affected.

4.1.6 The breeder tries to place his kittens and retired adult cats in the best possible families and does not hesitate to refuse the sale of a kitten when he/she feels a potential danger for the animal or if the family conditions unfavorable. In the case of a breeding cat, the breeder ensures that the breeder who buys his cat for reproduction purposes will take care of the animal and offer him a good quality of life.

4.2 Protecting the breed

4.2.1 The breeder supports the efforts made by associations or groups of breeders to improve breeding practices in Canada.

4.2.2 The breeder rigorously selects his breeding cats striving to produce kittens that meet the breed standard. This also applies to cats sold for reproduction purposes to other breeders.

4.2.3 For their breeding program, breeders select kittens with adequate health based on the best of their knowledge and according to available screening tests. This also applies to cats sold for reproduction purposes to other breeders.

5. Respecting the environment

5.1 Preserving the environment

5.1.1 The breeder is careful to dispose of used litter, food bags and cans properly by recycling what is recyclable.

5.1.2 The breeder returns any unused or expired medical product, medicine and antibiotic to his veterinarian or pharmacy for safe disposal.

5.2 Respecting the neighbors

5.2.1 The breeder is careful in keeping the outside of his/her breeding facility free of debris and waste related to breeding/keeping cats and will try to the best of his capacity to not inconvenience his neighborhood in any way (smell, waste etc).

5.2.2 The breeder takes the necessary measures so that no animal disturbs the tranquility of the neighborhood, either with excessive meowing

through an open window or by the physical presence of the cat outside the property which could cause problems of marking or public nuisance. Neighbors, ideally, should not be overly aware of breeding activities.