



# Larami Cattery

## Kitten Sales Contract



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### Why do breeders have a contract?

For three basic reasons: one, to protect the buyer from an unscrupulous breeder; two, to protect the breeder from a dishonest buyer. The third and most important reason is to protect the animal being sold.

A good contract will very clearly set out your responsibilities as a buyer, and the breeder's obligations as the seller. If there are points of concern not covered, they can be discussed and perhaps added in another clause. Should a buyer object to a particular clause; it may signal to the breeder that this is a person you do not want to sell to.

Some potential buyers may feel the terms are too restrictive, but they must realize that every clause is there for a reason. I feel that as a breeder, it is my moral and ethical responsibility to see that the animal always has a safe and caring home. Breeders are not trying to control the Buyer. They are trying their best, to protect the animal. What it comes down to is this: If a buyer intends to care for the animal, they have nothing to worry about.

We reserve the right not to sell our kittens to families with children under six years old. Kittens are very fragile creatures and most young children, through no fault of their own, do not understand that a kitten must be handled very carefully and gently and never be chased or hit with anything. Whether we will let a family with young children adopt one of our kittens or not will depend on our observation of the children's behaviour when they visit our cattery.

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**Our Sales Contract consists of this page, the Health Guarantee and the Sales Agreement. The purchaser and seller both agree to be bound by these terms and conditions to assure safe and humane treatment of the kitten involved.**

- 1) Buyer agrees to keep the kitten in a clean and pleasant environment, uncaged and with proper nutrition, health care, toys and companionship.
- 2) Buyer agrees that under NO circumstances will this kitten EVER be sold, leased, or given to any pet shop, animal shelter, research laboratory, or similar facility.
- 3) Buyer agrees to keep the kitten indoors at all times unless in a carrier or in an escape proof enclosure.
- 4) Buyer agrees that this kitten must not be declawed. Declawing is a horrible mutilation involving the amputation of a large portion of the kitten's toes which in most cases will alter a kitten's personality and cause undesirable side effects. Instead of declawing, the buyer agrees to keep the kitten's toenails trimmed regularly, and to supply the kitten with proper scratching material and suitable training. There are good alternatives to declawing which we would be more than happy to discuss.
- 5) Buyer agrees that this kitten will always receive prompt, top-notch medical care and will never be allowed to harbor fleas or other parasites. Obligatory veterinary requirements also include a booster vaccination every three years for the common feline diseases such as calicivirus, rhinotracheitis, Chlamydia, and panleukopenia (usually given in one combination shot), as well as emergency and extreme requirements such as accidents or unexpected infections and/or other health problems.
- 6) Buyer agrees that if the kitten is found to be neglected or mistreated, Seller shall have the unconditional right to reclaim the kitten WITHOUT refund of purchase price. Neglect shall include, but is not limited to: being left alone without human companionship for periods in excess of 72 hours; lack of proper sanitary facilities; being caged for other than medical reasons; poor diet; and poor health (that is not being currently treated). Mistreatment shall include, but is not limited to: lack of proper food, lack of water and physical abuse.
- 7) If the kitten is returned within 1 week, due to your allergies, you will forfeit your \$100.00 deposit.
- 8) After receiving a deposit from the Buyer and prior to the kitten leaving our home we reserve the right to cancel the contract if we believe we have been misled to the point where we feel the kitten's health or emotional well-being would be in jeopardy by going to the buyer's home. The paid deposit would be refunded at our discretion.