

Registered Breeder verses Backyard Breeder



Before you buy your kitten from a breeder, read this article carefully to find out if they are in fact a responsible breeder or a backyard breeder. Buying a kitten from a registered responsible breeder means you go home with a lovable healthy registered kitten. Take a chance on a backyard breeder's kitten and you could end up paying a fortune in vet bills.

When you buy from a responsible registered breeder, you are not only buying a kitten, you are getting their experience. Most BYB's don't have the experience or knowledge it takes to be a responsible breeder.

There is no better way of checking out a breeder than physically visiting their home. If they won't permit you to do this, then don't buy from them. It's important to check the conditions they keep their animals in. Meet the parents, meet the kittens and more importantly meet the breeders. Does their home look clean? Do their animals look happy, healthy and well cared for? Are the parents and kittens well socialised? If your Breeder has a waiting list, don't despair as this is usually a sign of a responsible breeder who is recognised for the healthy, well socialised kittens that they breed.

<u>RESPONSIBLE REGISTERED BREEDER</u>	<u>BACKYARD BREEDER</u>
Is a member of a recognised Cat Association in their State.	Does not belong to any club or association.
Breeds to improve the breed standard and for the love of the cat and understands that it will overall cost money to breed a good quality litter.	Breeds because they want to make money with no understanding of the true cost of breeding and the problems related to badly bred cats.
Realise that their kittens will be adding to the over population problem and therefore takes responsibility for the early desexing of their kittens before they go to their new homes.	Thinks that none of their cats add to the over population problem or does not care that they do.
Screens potential new owners and tries to match the kitten with the best home.	Sells to anyone who pays the asking price.
Knows about the genetic problems of their breed and works to eliminate them from the Breed by genetically testing their cats before breeding.	Has little or no knowledge of any genetic problems and no idea that genetic testing was even an option. More inclined to put two cats together and hope for the best.
All kittens are sold with a Genetic Health Guarantee and an undertaking of future support.	Offers no Guarantee and does not want to know about the kitten after it has been sold.
Registered Cattery Name. All kittens bred under this cattery name will have a common prefix to allow easy tracing of their kitten offspring.	No Cattery Name, no desire to track their kitten.

Has a well considered Breeding Program and only cats which will advance the breed standard will be bred with specific goals in mind	What Breeding Program??
Every Litter is registered under the Cattery Name	Never registered.
Three generation pedigree of genetically sounds cats on both mother and father's side.	Little or no knowledge of previous generations and any genetic problems which might be carried forward.
All kittens are registered, vet checked, vaccinated and desexed before going to their new homes.	No vaccinations, no vet checks and no desexing all of which are expensive. These kittens can also carry genetic health problems.
No profit on litters due to the costs of purchasing high quality breeding cats, quite often imported from overseas. The care of their breeding cats including additional vet care throughout the year. Registration of Litters, Vaccinations, Vet Checks, Desexing and many other expenses.	Profit can be made on a litter due to so many corners being cut during the breeding procedure.
Registered Breeders improve the breed for the good of the cat.	Backyard Breeders improve their bank balance to the detriment of the cat.

