

Anou Russian Cattery – Breeding/ Adoption Policy

Section 1 - Overview and Scope

- a) Anou Russian Cattery is a small establishment established in 1993. We breed kittens in Armidale, NSW for the purpose improving the standard of the breed and not for the pet market.
- b) Our focus is on breeding healthy, happy, well-adjusted kittens free from any known genetic or health ailments.
- c) Anou Russian Cattery is registered through NSW CFA and is compliant to their Code of Ethics and the DPI Animal Welfare Code of Practice Breeding Dogs and Cats.
- d) This policy applies to all kitten adoptees, potential adoptees and breeders associated with Anou Russian Cattery.

Section 2 - Kitten enquiries

Enquiries are directed to Anou Russian Cattery though the electronic form on the Anou Russian Cattery website.

- a) We endeavour to respond to enquiries within 2-3 days of receipt.
- b) To ensure our kittens are adopted to loving, responsible owners, we require information about the potential owners and the environment into which the kitten will be adopted.
- c) Enquiries regarding adopting a kitten as a gift for a third party will not be considered.
- d) Rude and aggressive correspondence will not be responded to.
- e) Potential adoptees will be placed on a waiting list once the 10% reservation fee is received. Priority is given to inquiries based on the date the reservation fee is received. It is common courtesy for the potential adoptees to cancel their order should they adopt a kitten from another breeder during the wait time, however, please be aware that the reservation fee is non-refundable.
- f) If the specific colour and/or gender of the adoptee's choice is not available in the allocated litter, the adoptee will be given the opportunity to change their preference before the kitten is offered to the next listed adoptee. While we endeavour to provide the colour and sex of the kitten that is ordered, availability will ultimately depend on the colours and sex of the kittens available in a particular litter.
- g) Kittens that are sold for breeding and/or showing will be carefully selected against the Russian breed standard. There may be additional wait time for the right kitten.
- h) The information potential owners provide via the electronic form will not be shared with a third party and will be kept strictly confidential.
- i) We will not take orders from persons who already have their name on another breeder's waiting list. We expect that buyers will be committed to a purchase from Anou Russians and will be prepared to wait until their kitten is born.
- j) Adoptees are expected to maintain a reasonable level of contact with Anou Cattery during the pre-adoption period. Adoptees will be notified of their kitten's availability when the kitten is 4 weeks old. Adoptees who are on our waiting list, but do not respond to notification after 3 weeks will forfeit their placement on the list. If there has been no contact 5 weeks after notification, the adoptee will forfeit their reservation fee.

Section 3 - Adopting a kitten

- a) Kittens are raised lovingly inside our home, are well-socialised with people and other pets, and are toilet trained.
- b) Anou kittens will be ready to go to their new homes, between 12-14 weeks of age.
- c) All kittens leave our cattery desexed with a clean bill of health (veterinary examination), an up-to-date vaccination and worming and flea treatment schedule, a microchip implant, and a copy of the kitten's pedigree.
- d) Kittens are generally desexed at 12 weeks of age, or when they reach 1 kg in bodyweight.
- e) We adhere to the following vaccination schedule:

- 8 weeks old – first vaccination
 - 12 weeks old – second vaccination (Kittens will require a booster at 16 weeks, followed by an annual booster).
- f) Kittens are wormed at 2-week intervals from the age of 4 weeks to 12 weeks against all intestinal worms).
 - g) Kittens are treated for external parasites with Advocate prior to leaving for their new home.
 - h) Kittens are microchipped at 10 -12 weeks of age and registered with the NSW Companion Animal Register.
 - i) It is strongly recommended that the kitten's diet is maintained during the first few weeks after adoption, with any anticipated dietary changes being implemented gradually.
 - j) All Anou kittens are adopted as strictly indoor cats. This condition of sale is non-negotiable.
 - k) Anou Cattery reserves the right to refuse to sell a kitten to a potential adoptee who is known to be allergic to cats, or has a family member/friend/roommate/partner residing with them, who is known to be allergic to cats.
 - l) Anou Russian Cattery reserves the right to revoke a kitten adoption if concerns are raised at any point in the adoption process regarding the suitability of the adoptee.
 - m) Adoptees may cancel a confirmed order upon notification of the birth of the kitten, but in doing so will forfeit their reservation fee. Any monies paid (other than the reservation fee) will be refunded. Order cancellations received after the notification and acknowledgement of the birth of the kitten will result in a non-refund of their reservation fee and any additional monies paid.
 - n) If, due to unforeseeable circumstances, Anou Russian Cattery is unable to fulfil a kitten order, the full reservation fee, plus any additional monies paid will be refunded to the adoptee at the adoptee's discretion.

Section 4 – Naming of kittens

- a) Adoptees of pet kittens are given the opportunity to name their kitten, provided that the name is acceptable to the registering cat body AND the name has not been used previously. Registered pedigree kittens can only ever have a unique name.
- b) All registered kittens will carry the 'Anou' prefix as the first component of their pedigree name.
- c) Unsuitable names, such as colours, place names or very common names are not generally suitable. We may suggest an alternative or a 'Russianisation' of the name, for example, the names Mischa, Mishka, Misty and Moggy have all been used extensively or are not suitable as pedigree names.
- d) The registered pedigree name does not need to be the same as the kitten's pet name. The pet name can be an abrogation of the pedigree name or entirely different.
- e) Anou Russian Cats reserves the right to name show and breeding quality kittens, respecting any naming conventions the breeder/owner might require.

Section 5 - Kitten/ cat pricing schedule

- a) All adoptees are required to pay a 10% non-refundable reservation fee of the full purchase price upon confirmation of a kitten order. This is to ensure that all adoptive parents are serious and to deter impulse purchases.
- b) For a pet kitten, adoptees will be expected to pay a reservation fee of \$250.00 and a total price of \$2500.00, which includes, up-to-date vaccination and worming schedule, microchipping, desexing, registration papers and a full health check by a veterinarian (transportation is not included in this price). There is no price variation between a male and a female kitten.
- c) For a desexed show kitten, adoptees will be expected pay a reservation fee of \$300.00 and a total price of \$3000.00, which will include the above.
- d) For a breeding/show quality kitten, adoptees will be required to pay a reservation fee of \$350.00 and a total price of \$3500.00, which will also include all of the above, minus desexing.

- e) In the case where a kitten has been adopted as a breeding kitten and the adoptee is unable to maintain ownership of the kitten or cat, Anou Russian Cattery must be provided with the first available opportunity to purchase the kitten or cat at a price agreeable to both parties.
- f) From time to time, Anou Russian Cattery have adult cats available for sale. Adoptees will be required to pay between \$500 - \$1500, depending upon the age of the cat.
- g) Payment options include:
 - Direct bank reservation fee.
 - PayPal
- h) Optional payment plans are available through PayPal
- i) Full payment is required 1 week (7 days) prior to the kitten leaving Anou Russian Cattery.

Section 5 - Desexing

- a) Unless your kitten has been adopted as a breeding kitten, in which case you will have paid more, your kitten will come to you desexed. The cost of this procedure is included in the quoted price of the kitten.
- b) Our vets use dissolvable stitches, so there is no need to take your kittens to your veterinarian for stitch removal.
- c) Desexing makes for happier, healthier, cleaner companions and does not negatively affect the cat's behaviour in any way. Anou Russian Cats is required to desex all pet kittens prior to their leaving their cattery.
- d) A certificate of Sterilisation will be provided as proof of desexing.
- e) Requests for undesexed kittens, which are not sold as breeding cats, will be refused.

Section 6 – Breeding your kitten

- a) Kittens adopted for the purpose of breeding and/or showing will be carefully selected for the purpose and may require a longer wait time. However, selection of potential breeding kittens will precede selection for pet kittens in any given litter.
- b) Anou Russian Cattery will endeavour to provide the best quality kitten for showing/breeding, however, will not be held accountable for a kitten's or cat's performance on the show bench.
- c) Kittens for breeding/showing will be registered with NSW CFA (Cat Fanciers Association).
- d) Adoptees must be a member of a governing cat fancier's body and have an approved breeder's prefix.
- e) The kitten's pedigree, along with the transfer documentation, will be provided to the adoptee by Anou Russian Cattery.
- f) Adoptees of breeding kittens must be able to demonstrate that the kitten/cat will be housed comfortably and appropriately, in spacious quarters that facilitate as much contact with their owners as possible (if housed outside). Kittens/cats must not be allowed to roam free.
- g) Female kittens adopted for breeding purposes should not be mated prior to 10 months of age and have no more than three litters of kittens within a 2-year timeframe.
- h) All kittens sold within Australia for breeding from our cattery will be blood type A, unless otherwise specified.
- i) All kittens sold internationally for breeding purposes will be AA genotype.
- j) Anou Russian Cattery reserves the right to refuse the adoption of a kitten for breeding/ showing purposes.

Section 7 - Kitten registration

- a) All kittens adopted from Anou Russian Cattery are required by law to be microchipped and registered with the NSW Companion Animal Registry.

- b) When microchipped, kittens receive a unique identification number, which corresponds to their implant number and stays with them for life.
- c) Adoptees must contact their local council to discuss their registration requirements.

Section 8 - Transport

- (1) Anou Russian Cattery prefers that adoptees collect their kitten in person from our Cattery in Armidale NSW to minimise the stress of transportation. We understand that this may not be always possible for buyers.
- (2) Kittens that cannot be collected from our home will travel to their new home via a pet transportation service (road or air) be flown to the nearest available airport proximal to their new homes at an *additional cost* to the adoptee via a pet transport company.
- (3) Adoptees must make arrangement to collect the kitten when the kitten is ready to leave Anou Cattery. If adoptees are unable to collect or receive the kitten at the time he/she is ready to leave, a boarding rate of \$15.50 per day per kitten will be applied.
- (4) If a transport company is engaged to transport a kitten from Anou Cattery to the client's home, Anou Cattery bears no responsibility for any communicable illnesses that said kitten may contract while within the enclosed quarters of the transport vehicle. Anou Cattery advises that their client closely monitors the wellbeing of their kitten from the moment of their arrival, and seek veterinary advice if illness is evident.

Section 9 - Return/replacement of kittens/cats

- a) All kittens undergo a health examination by a qualified veterinarian and are deemed healthy prior to leaving our cattery.
- b) If within 3 days a kitten is not acceptable to the purchaser for any reason, Anou Cattery will take the kitten back and provide a full refund of the purchase price of the kitten (minus the 10% reservation fee).
- c) Any kitten/cat diagnosed by a practising veterinarian with a genetic ailment may be returned to Anou Russian Cattery. A replacement kitten will be offered to the adoptee from the next available litter. Reimbursement for the kitten/cat will not be offered. Veterinary certification must be provided.
- d) Anou Cattery does not guarantee against treatable illnesses (such as Fungal, Bacterial or Yeast infections; Parasites, Upper Respiratory Infection, and related, etc.), which are not life threatening and may be brought on by stress.
- e) Anou Cattery does not guarantee against diarrhoea resulting from a change in the kitten's diet after leaving our cattery. Adoptees are strongly encouraged to follow the feeding regime established at our cattery. If the adoptee wishes to make changes to the kitten's diet, this must be implemented gradually. Any consequences of dietary change are the sole responsibility of the adoptee.
- f) Kittens leave Anou Cattery after receiving a health check from a qualified veterinarian. Anou Cattery will not be responsible for any veterinary expenses incurred after the kitten leave our cattery.
- g) Should the adoptee decide for any reason that they cannot keep the kitten/cat, Anou Cattery must be notified to assist in the re-adoption process and arrange to have the kitten/cat returned to Anou Cattery at no additional expense to the adoptee, other than transport costs.
- h) In the case where a kitten is returned to Anou Cattery prior to the age of six (6) calendar month old, a partial refund will be provided once the kitten has been rehomed (minus the 10% reservation fee).
- i) Should a kitten be returned under circumstances that were foreseen by the adoptee prior to the purchase of a kitten, Anou Cattery will not be responsible for providing a refund.
- j) Should an adoptee not inform us of allergies to cats despite being requested to do so upon application, any refund will be forfeited and the kitten must be returned to Anou Cattery for suitable re-homing at the adoptee's expense.
- k) A refund will not be provided for kittens over 6 months of age.

Section 10 – Stud services

- a) Anou Russian Cattery is a closed cattery. This means that we no longer accept visiting cats into our cattery, as advised by our vet, to protect our lines from the very real risk of infectious diseases.

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