Minuet Cat Breed Association International
Code of Ethics

Purpose:

The Minuet Cat Breed Association adheres to a strict Code of Ethics for breeders and owners of Minuets, to ensure the health and welfare of each cat. The Minuet is a healthy breed as a whole and it is the hope that with responsible breeding and quality health care for every cat that the breed maintains its health integrity. This requires dedication from both breeders and owners alike. With that in mind, the following strictures of this Code of Ethics shall be adhered to by all members of the Minuet Cat Breed Association International.

As a member of MCBAI, I attest that all Minuets under my care will:

1. Receive quality nutrition as prescribed by the manufacturer or brand of the food, or as prescribed by a qualified veterinarian.

2. Have appropriate shelter that protects them from weather and dangers, such as predators, traffic, diseases, etc., and is clean and spacious enough for adequate exercise, to maintain good physical and mental health of my cat(s).

3. Have fresh, clean water available at all times in containers (bowls, fountains) that are free of contamination, sediment, and detritus.

4. Be given appropriate and adequate stimuli for play and exercise, to ensure good physical and mental health.

5. Receive quality medical (veterinary) care as necessary, when necessary, to ensure the health of my cat(s). Necessary medical care includes vaccinations, spay and neuter (if not breeding), and any remedy of a condition/illness to prevent my cat(s) from suffering, pain, or deterioration.

In addition, I agree that I will

1. Care only for the number of cats that I can reasonably afford, in consideration to providing all of the above requirements, for each and every cat under my care.

2. Not cage my Minuets unless temporarily for health, breeding, or behavioral modification (i.e. housebreaking). Temporarily means for a finite period of time and will not be the norm for the cat.

3. Have time to dedicate to all the Minuets under my care, to ensure that they are sheltered, fed, watered, exercised (played with), and given medical attention as necessary.

4. Not declaw any of my cats; and if breeding, have it contractually required that new owners shall not declaw their cats.

5. Not breed outside the breed standards, if breeding, and ensure that all kittens that are produced have homes to go to, if I am not keeping any of the litter.

6. Must not be seen as a "kitty mill," in any respect.

7. Maintain true and accurate records of medical and vaccination history; and if breeding, of matings and pedigrees, and to register each mating that produces a litter with an acceptable cat registry association, including MCBAI, by means of obtaining a litter registration.

8. Not breed any Minuet that has a genetic disorder or illness, or has a medical condition that would compromise the health of either the breeding cat or kittens. In which case, that Minuet will be immediately altered to prevent breeding. In addition, if a Minuet that I have bred subsequently becomes identified as having a genetic illness or condition that could affect a kitten that has already been born, I will notify the owner of that kitten of the possibility of the kitten might have that illness or condition.

9. Ensure that any Minuets that I breed have been DNA-tested for a full panel of genetic health conditions that are currently identified, and not breed any Minuets that are at risk of a genetic health condition that can be passed on to a kitten, where the genetic condition would present in the kitten.

10. I will not breed any Minuets until the appropriate age, weight, and condition for a safe breeding and pregnancy, and subsequent time for nursing, of a litter. I also agree that I will allow appropriate recovery time between breedings.

11. I will not stud out any of my male Minuets to an outcross not accepted to produce Minuets (Munchkins and members of the Persian Breed Group), nor to anyone who is running a "kitty mill," or to anyone who does not adhere to this Code of Ethics for responsible breeding of Minuets, or to anyone who does not health test their breeding Minuets, or to anyone who does not have registered cats to prove appropriate breed (Minuets, Munchkins, or any member of the Persian Breed Group).

12. Will retire breeding Minuets at an appropriate age to their gender, so the cat will still have a long life of quality retirement. I understand that I may re-home a retired breeding cat, provided it is to a loving home and not to another breeder. I also understand that I must ensure that the retired cat has been altered before being re-homed.

13. Will spay or neuter (alter) my cats unless they are being bred responsibly, or a medical concern prevents them from being altered. The medical condition must have been diagnosed by a qualified veterinarian and the advice not to spay or neuter must have been given by the veterinarian. In this event, I understand that I must ensure that this unaltered cat is not within proximity to any cat of the opposite sex that could result in a breeding.

14. Will not euthanize a cat unless at the advice of a veterinarian for extreme health reasons, or to end the true suffering of a cat from an unrecoverable ailment or old age, where the cat's quality of life has significantly declined. At no time will a Minuet be euthanized out of convenience or to be rid of it.

15. Will not euthanize any kittens that have been bred, unless at the advice of a veterinarian for a critical medical issue. At no time will a kitten that I have bred be euthanized out of convenience, because of re-homing problems, or because they do not conform to breed standards, or do not adhere to personal preferences.

16. Will not abandon any cat under my care, unless surrendered to another loving home or to a no-kill shelter, and only in the event of financial, emotional, or physical misfortune, or for irreconcilable behavior (such as aggression) that leads to chaos and threat of harm to other animals in the same household.

17. Will only use a gentle hand with all my cats, except in cases of controlling an aggressive cat, and in which case, I will never resort to abuse or cruelty.

18. Above all, provide a loving home to each and every Minuet I own or in my care, so the cat(s) live a fruitful and happy life.

As a Minuet breeder, I also agree to:

1. Refuse to sell to, to buy from, or to recommend breeders who sell to cat wholesalers, brokers, or retailers.

2. To fully vet prospective kitten buyers, to ensure that my kittens will go to loving homes with the financial security to raise a cat.

3. To give prospective kitten buyers an honest appraisal of the kitten in regards to what they are looking for: pet, breeder or show cat.

4. To be discriminating of any kitten buyer that wants to breed Minuets, and only sell a breed-quality Minuet cat or kitten to another breeder; and if that buyer is a new breeder, to require that they accept me as their mentor for at least two years, one year to include the beginning of their breeding program that results in a live litter.

5. Shall encourage new breeder to join The Minuet Cat Breed Association International.

6. Shall provide a breeder kitten contract that has conditions associated with my responsibilities in regards to the breeder kitten they are buying.

7. Shall provide the breeder-buyer with certified pedigrees of the parents of the kitten they are buying and registration forms to have the kitten registered with an appropriate cat registry, including the Minuet Cat Breed Association International; or to register the kitten myself with an appropriate cat registry.

8. Before any kitten is sold, ensure that it has been cleared as healthy by a certified veterinarian, and before it goes to the buyer, ensure that it has all the age-appropriate vaccinations, is healthy, and is free of all external and internal parasites.

9. Ensure that all buyers understand how to care for a cat or kitten properly and to make myself available for advice, as needed.

10. Create a reliable selling condition in which all pet kittens are sold under the understanding that said pet kittens shall be spayed or neutered within a certain time frame.

11. Shall not allow kittens to go to their new home before they are weaned or properly socialized by their mother, which could create a kitten/cat that is not adjustable to their new home.

12. Not advertise kittens or adult cats with false or omitted information in order to encourage a sale.

13. Shall sell all my kittens and older cats with a written contract that is signed by both parties (breed and buyer).

As a Minuet show exhibitor, I also agree:

1. To responsibly show my cat(s) that appropriately match the association standard. I understand that I am representing the Minuet Breed in a public and knowledgeable format, in which judges may remark to the public about the Minuet standard using my cat(s) and that my cat(s) should properly display the correct type and structure as required by the breed standard adopted by The International Cat Association (TICA).

2. To show good sportsmanship through polite interaction with other cat show exhibitors.

3. To assist new cat show exhibitors through the show process, in order to encourage continued showing by new exhibitors.

4. To follow the show rules as defined by the cat show club's or association's standard show rules.

5. Not to bring negative attention to the Minuet Breed by poor or unruly actions, or by creating drama or discord during the show or any event associated with the show, including public social media posts before or after the show.

I understand that all the conditions mentioned in this Code of Ethics were designed for the preservation of the Minuet Breed as a healthy breed of cat and that the public can view as a charming companion to be cherished and adored. My own association with the Minuet breed has an impact on its public image and how I act around and with Minuets can have positive or negative reflection on the cat. Therefore, a violation of any of the above conditions may result in a revocation of my membership with the Minuet Cat Breed Association International and all the benefits of the Association will be denied, as decided by the majority of the voting members.

Signed:

Member's Printed Name:_____

Member's Signature: _____
Date: _____