

Cat Breeder Information Sheet

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

A person who is granted an Approval to Breed Cats may be required by the Shire to:

- (a) Provide for each cat kept at or on the premises, a properly constructed shelter with an enclosure complying with the following:
 - (i) each shelter shall have a floor area of not less than 0.5 square metre for each cat over the age of 3 months kept or to be kept therein; and
 - (ii) the area of the enclosure appurtenant to each shelter shall be not less than 3 times the area of the shelter;
- (b) Ensure every shelter and enclosure is situated at a distance of not less than -
 - (i) 2 metres from the boundary of any lot or owned or occupied by the person by whom the cats are kept;
 - (ii) 10 metres from any dwelling, church, schoolroom, hall or premises in which food is manufactured, packed or prepared for human consumption;
- (c) Keep all shelters, enclosures, yards and grounds in which cats are kept in a clean condition and free from vector of disease at all times and clean, disinfect or otherwise deal with them as directed by an Environmental Health Officer from time to time.

The Shire may refuse an application for the grant or renewal of an approval to breed cats if the Shire is satisfied that one or more of the following apply;

- (a) The applicant is a child under 18 years of age;
- (b) The applicant has no, or insufficient, facilities to breed cats in a safe and ethical way;
- (c) The applicant has no, or unsuitable, premises where cats can be kept and bred in a safe and ethical way;
- (d) The applicant has been convicted within the previous 3 years or an offence against the *Cat Act 2011*, the *Dog Act 1976*, or the *Animal Welfare Act 2002*;
- (e) The applicant is not a fit and proper person to breed cats;
- (f) Such other circumstances, if any, as are prescribed.

If the Shire decides to refuse to approve or renew the approval of a person to breed cats or cancel the approval of a person to breed cats, the person after receiving a notice of the decision in writing has the right of appeal by;

- (1) A written objection made in the prescribed form and lodging it with the Shire in the prescribed manner within 28 days, or within such further time as the Shire may allow; or
- (2) A person may apply to the State Administrative Tribunal for a review if the person
 - (a) has not lodged an objection to the Shire about the decision; or
 - (b) has lodged an objection to the Shire, but after 35 days after it was lodged, has not received a notice in writing from the Shire how it decided to dispose of the objection.
- (3) The application to State Administrative Tribunal is to be made;
 - (a) within 42 days of the original decision from Shire under subsection (2)(a); or
 - (b) more than 35 days, but with 77 days, after an objection was lodged to the Shire under subsection (2)(b); or
 - (c) within 42 days after the objection was decided by Shire from the original objection, the applicant may still apply to the State Administrative Tribunal for a review of the Shire's decision.