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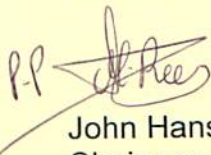
Dear Club,

There has been much debate within the Executive recently on the subject of the registering of kittens from suspended breeders. This debate has centred around the impact of the ruling on people who have unwittingly had a mating or purchase from the suspended breeder. The Executive has in the past judged in favour of accepting the registrations where it seems apparent a genuine mistake was made through ignorance.

On reflection however this is the only sanction GCCF have for breeders that infringe the rules. In the future the rule will be strictly adhered to and ignorance of the breeder's status will not be accepted as a reason to allow registration.

In order that this is clear to all that use the services of breeders we are writing to all clubs to ask them to ensure that their advice to people approaching breeders for mating or kitten purchase expressly points out that the register of suspended breeders on the GCCF website is consulted prior to approaching the breeder to ensure that the cats involved can progress through the registration system without hindrance.

Yours faithfully

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