

TCA APPROVED CATTERY INSPECTION PROGRAM ©

This is for the expressed use for TCA, Inc. registrations only, and can be printed out for that use by anyone wishing to register a cat, kitten, or litter in TCA, Inc.

The TCA Cattery Inspection Program was developed to maintain the welfare of the cats, and to define a level of acceptable integrity of all TCA affiliated Catteries. There are minimum levels of cattery operational performance that must be met. Special recognition is provided for higher levels of performance. Once we have ensured the welfare of the cats, it is important to ensure the level of service provided to the future owners of these cats. It is a distinguished and earned privilege to pass this inspection. Each cattery that passes will receive an attractive certificate that can be displayed with pride.

In addition, all catteries that are inspected and pass will be listed on the TCA, Inc. website with special prominence on our Breeders Directory page, as well as on the individual Breed Page highlighted with a unique banner representing the attainment of Breeder of Excellence or Supreme Excellence. This banner will remain as long as the cattery maintains their inspection and membership with TCA, Inc. This indication has been shown to act as a catalyst for additional customer attention, translating into increased customer website traffic.

THE PROGRAM

TCA offers, to TCA registered catteries, a "TCA Approved Cattery Inspection Program". Any TCA registered cattery in good standing may participate in this VOLUNTARY program.

Inspections are to be conducted by licensed Veterinarians using the TCA inspection form (in triplicate) that is sent directly to the selected Veterinarian prior to the inspection. This is done after the cattery provides the information for their respective vet. Please allow a minimum of 10 days for the forms to arrive prior to the scheduled inspection.

To maintain up to date certificates, TCA, Inc. requires that inspections be conducted on an annual basis. Approval is revocable in the event of deterioration in the conditions or care. TCA accepts no responsibility for the condition or care of cats or kittens sold from the premises based on the cattery owner's possession of the rating, due to lack of control over the cattery between inspections. However, any complaint against an "Approved" cattery concerning animal abuse/neglect will be investigated. All un-inspected catteries will be required to be inspected after two formal written complaints of the condition or care of cats or kittens have been filed against them, or they will no longer be listed on the TCA Breeders List.

After the inspection, the Veterinarian inspector will return two copies of the completed form to TCA, while the inspector keeps one copy. After processing, the cattery owner will be mailed a copy of the completed form and informed if the cattery has passed or failed. For those who are successful in passing the inspection, they will receive a TCA Cattery Inspection Certificate indicating the level of achievement, and the inspecting veterinarian, which acknowledges the significant efforts of the cattery owner to maintain a healthy environment for their kittens to thrive.

FEES

The fee for participation in this program is \$20.00, payable to TCA, Inc. prior to forms being mailed to the identified Veterinarian. Cattery owners are responsible for all Veterinarian fees.

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The fees can be paid via Paypal through our website links, or sent directly to diana@traditionalcats.com with a note indicating what the fee is for. Or a \$20 check can be mailed to us prior to the forms being sent to the identified vet.

TCA APPROVED CATTERY CERTIFICATE

A cattery passing the inspection with an average score of 2.0 or greater is eligible to receive the TCA Approved Cattery certificate, stating the cattery is an approved TCA cattery. The certificate also displays the TCA logo, the signature of the TCA representative, the date of inspection and the renewal date.

TCA SUPREME CATTERY OF EXCELLENCE

A cattery that receives a rating of 3.1 or higher is eligible to "TCA Cattery of Excellence". Catteries that receive this represent the outstanding examples of TCA catteries. These catteries receive a similar certificate as the TCA Approved Cattery, but it indicates the TCA Supreme Cattery of Excellence. There is **no extra** charge for this rating, and all aspects of the program are the same **as for** the TCA Approved Cattery of Excellence.

Those catteries that pass this program will have their rating listed in BOLD letters below their address on our Breeders Lists, which are a part of our Kitten Referral Service. Additionally, they will be listed at the beginning of our Breeders Directory as a member of this special group.

ACCEPTABILITY

A cattery that does not meet the requirements for receiving the TCA Approved Cattery rating may request another inspection at any time. We have followed the Description of an Ideal Cattery as a guide for the novice and the experienced breeder alike.

FORMS

[Cattery Inspection Program](#) - Review the description and apply for the program it's that simple! We have written a description of the [Ideal Cattery](#) to help you along the road to a healthy cattery.

WHERE TO SEND

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INSTRUCTIONS

I. CATTERY OWNER

It is the obligation of the cattery owner to request inspection forms and to provide the name, address and phone number of the inspecting Veterinarian. The TCA Secretary will then send the inspection forms directly to the inspecting Veterinarian. A Completed Cattery Inspection form **MUST BE RECEIVED** in the Traditional Cat Association, Inc. (TCA) office **DIRECTLY** from the inspecting Veterinarian, after the inspection is completed.

To facilitate this process, please provide the inspector with the enclosed pre-addressed, postage paid envelope. The inspection forms will not be sent to the identified veterinarian until the Paypal payment, check or money order in the amount of \$20.00 payable to The Traditional Cat Association, Inc. has been received by TCA, Inc.

II. INSPECTING VETERINARIANS

Thank you for participating in this program. The Traditional Cat Association is relying on your professionalism to ensure only those deserving, high quality catteries receive cattery approval ratings. If, for any reason, you feel a cattery does not meet the minimum standards specified on the inspection form, then please annotate the appropriate area(s) as “unacceptable”. We request you do not pass any totally outdoor cattery (no shelter, no weather protection) or a cattery with cats and/or kittens exhibiting signs of poor health, condition or contagious disease.

Inspectors must be licensed veterinarians in the state in which the inspection is conducted. Inspecting Veterinarians can be active breeders, or members of TCA.

Please ensure the owner(s) of the inspected cattery provides you with the complete inspection form, via a self-addressed, stamped envelope for you to mail the completed inspection form to TCA.

**INSPECTIONS NOT MAILED BY THE INSPECTING VETERINARIAN
WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

III. TCA, Inc.

Following the return of the completed and signed form by the inspecting Veterinarian, TCA, inc. will issue the appropriate certificate reflecting the score based upon the ratings by the veterinarian. This will be issued within 10 days of receipt from the veterinarian. The certificate will be mailed to the cattery owner, and the respective rating will be listed along with the cattery listing on the TCA website.

Certificates are effective for a period of one year.

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