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Website Policy

The Ocicat Club website is provided as a resource for Club Members and visitors alike

- 1) The Ocicat Club website and domain name are the property of the Club.
- 2) The website will be maintained by a Webmaster on behalf of the Club, the Webmaster will be selected by the Committee and shall consult with and inform the Committee.
- 3) A list of Committee Members will be available on the website, with contact details for The Chairman, The Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary.
- 4) The Constitution and Rules of the Club and Membership forms will be available on the website, as will the Club policies and any notification of change.
- 5) Show results may be placed on the website at the owner's request, and details can be sent to the Webmaster.
- 6) All professional photographs provided for inclusion must also include the name of the photographer so that they may be credited
- 7) Breeders' details may be advertised on the website if they have a registered Prefix. A Breeder listing is subject to a fee: currently £10.00 per year.
- 8) All free or paid services on the website (now or in the future) may be subject to fee or structure change as deemed appropriate by a two thirds majority of the Committee of The Ocicat Club.
- 9) A welfare section will be available to aid any cat or cats catered for by the club to find a new home.
- 10) All content of the website is at the discretion of The Ocicat Club Committee.

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Disciplinary Policy

If any member becomes subject to disciplinary action from The Ocicat Club under Club Rules the following shall apply:

- 1) Any Member may bring a complaint to the attention of the Committee, if the complaint does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Club the Member will be so advised.
- 2) The Committee may request further information or substantiating evidence as required from any party in order to investigate any complaint raised.
- 3) The Committee may suspend or expel a Member if it is satisfied that the Member has seriously offended against the objects, Rules or Code if Ethics of the Ocicat Club, provided that the Member has previously been given the opportunity to state his or her case to the Committee.
- 4) The Member will be notified of any such action as soon as possible after it is decided. An appeal may be made against any legal or procedural point or against the finding of the Committee, but not against a finding of fact.
- 5) Notice of appeal shall be lodged with the Honorary Secretary within twenty-one days of such finding: any such notice shall set out in detail the ground or grounds for appeal.
- 6) A Special General Meeting shall be called specifically for the purpose of an appeal; notice of such meeting and of the business to be discussed thereat to be in writing and to be given to all Members not less than seven days before the date of such meeting.
- 7) The Committee will fix the time and place for the hearing once a date is agreed with the appellant.
- 8) All parties will be required to provide any documentation they wish to rely on for their appeal: which will be included in the information provided to the appeal hearing. This shall be provided 14 days prior to the date of the meeting to allow sufficient copies to be made; any request for late documentation to be added will be at the discretion of the Committee.
- 9) A Special General Meeting for the purpose of an appeal hearing will follow the guidelines set out in the Club Appeal Procedure to make sure all parties are treated fairly and have equal opportunity to be heard.
- 10) The appellant shall have the opportunity to state their case, such appeal to be decided by a majority of two thirds of the fully paid up Members present and voting.
- 11) Special conditions may be set, by the Committee or Special General Meeting for the suspended or expelled Member to regain Membership.
- 12) The Special General Meeting may rescind or vary the decision of the Committee. The decision of the Special General Meeting is final.

Suspended or expelled Members must return all Club property and will forfeit all Club privileges (Club privileges include but are not limited to: Active membership, receipt of Club publications and notifications, holding of Club property including trophies, listing on the Club website and exhibiting at the annual Club show).