



## Apprentice Breeder Questionnaire

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1) RagaMuffin Related

- How did you first hear about the RagaMuffin? (RagaMuffin-owners, friends, magazine, Website, Animal Planet....)
- Why do you want to breed? Why RagaMuffins?
- What is your (ultimate) goal with regard to breeding RagaMuffins?
- Are you currently in contact with Breeders regarding the purchase of one or more breeding cats? If yes, with whom?
- Have you ever had or do you currently have a cat as a pet?

- Do you currently have any other types of animals? Please list type, breed and age.

## **2) Experience**

- Have you ever bred cats before? If yes, when, for how long and what breed?
  
- What are your references? (Vet, Breeders.....). Could you give us the name and address of people willing to give you a reference? Please include your Vet and other Breeders, if possible.
  
- Did or do you work with other breeds or animals? If yes, since when and which one(s)?
  
- What is your opinion regarding showing cats at cat shows?

## **3) Family**

- Is your family supportive regarding your plan to become a Breeder?
  
- Do you or anyone else in your family suffer from allergies?
  
- Do you have children? If yes, what age(s)?

- Are you working – full time or part-time? How many hours per week? Does your occupation require travel?
- If you work, what are your plans for overseeing delivery of kittens?
- Who will take care of your cats when you are travelling or have to be away from home for other reasons?
- In case you are living in a rented apartment or house – what does your contract say regarding pets?
- Have you checked all legal requirements for breeding (municipal and state law, permits needed etc.)?
- How do you plan to provide housing for the breeding cats? Please be as specific as possible regarding housing for male cats and for females that are in heat and may spray during such time.
- Has an experienced breeder explained to you the realities of housing breeding cats?
- How many cats do you plan to start with? How many females and how many males?

#### 4) Finances

- Are you aware of the cost of acquiring breeding cats?
  
- Are you aware of the costs involved with breeding and raising healthy, well cared for kittens?

*(Please consider your personal financial situation and think about whether or not you will be able to allow for the expected – and even more so – the occasional unexpected expenses one has to face as a breeder. Emergency veterinary care for things such as c-sections, pyometra, mastitis, etc. may sometimes cost thousands of dollars to treat.)*

#### 5) Registry

Cattery Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cattery Number (if assigned): \_\_\_\_\_

I am currently a member of or have applied for membership in the following:

ACFA \_\_\_\_\_ CFA \_\_\_\_\_ TICA \_\_\_\_\_ GCCF \_\_\_\_\_

If you belong to one of the above registries, are you a member in good standing?

#### 6) Current Cattery Information

Name of mentor if currently an Apprentice Breeder in another organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Start date of Apprentice Breedership: \_\_\_\_\_

Website and cattery email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered names of cattery cats:

Have your breeding cats been DNA tested for the Ragdoll mutation for HCM? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have the documentation of the results of such testing? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of litters born to date: \_\_\_\_\_

Were the labors and deliveries uneventful?

Are all the kittens from litters born to date placed in their forever homes?

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*(You may enter your replies on a separate sheet or the back of the page, if you so desire)*