



ChatsCanadaCats

Administrative directive – 2021-05

Target Committee: None

Target clubs: None

Target audience: All Cat Breeders in Canada

Whereas the Cats Canada Cats is responsible for the breeding of purebred cats in Canada

Whereas the members of Chats Canada Cats are concerned about the protection of the environment, biodiversity and have a particular sensitivity for wild cats and their preservation

Whereas Canada is a signatory to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES or Washington Convention) since April 10, 1975

On December 16, 2021, the Board of Directors of the Chats Canada Cats adopted the following guidelines for the recognition of a breed of cats resulting from a cross with a wild feline, large or small:

Recognition of a new breed in the Chats Canada Cats book of origins:

1 - No breed of cat resulting from a cross with a wild feline can be accepted or recognized if the original wild feline is listed in one of the three (3) appendices of CITES.

This measure aims to discourage collection in nature of wild cats. Whether they are in Appendix I - endangered species, in Appendix II - under surveillance of activities incompatible with the survival of the species or Appendix III - the country of origin has requested that the trade, samples could still be taken to produce and trade hybrid cats that escape CITES controls.

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Hybrid breed already appearing in the Chats Canada Cats book of origins:

- 2 - Foundation cats (F1) will be prohibited as soon as the wild feline from which the breed comes is listed in the CITES appendices;
- 3 - Second, third and fourth generation foundation cats (F2, F3, F4) will be accepted for a period of four (4) years, following CITES registration, if they were born in Canada;
- 4 - Additional measures can be applied if the wild cat population so requires.

These latest measures are intended to discourage the massive importation of foundation cats before the registry is closed.

The Chats Canada Cats believes that preserving wildlife and maintaining biodiversity is a collective responsibility. Everyone must contribute to it.

Through this directive, the Board of Directors actively wishes to discourage the creation of breeds from wild cats considered threatened by the international community.