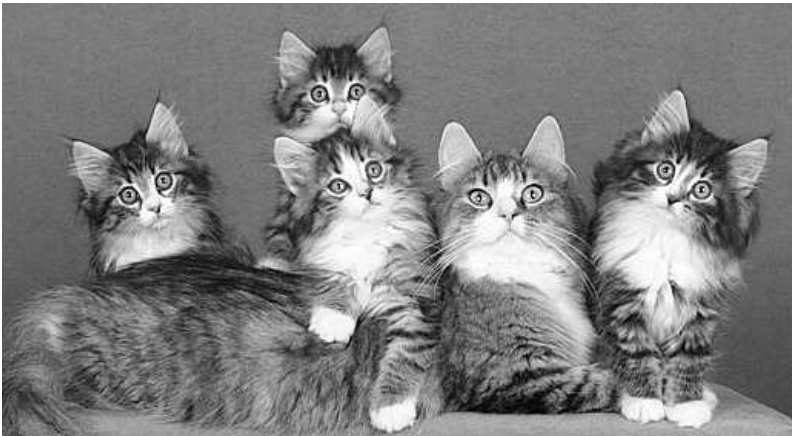


HOME-RAISED PETS NEED YOUR HELP!!

OPPOSE the newly proposed Federal Rule that means in-home hobby breeders of pedigreed cats would have to comply with USDA/APHIS commercial licensing requirements.

Breeders, who sell cats, dogs, rabbits and other animals as pets directly to the public, would have to jump through impossible hoops:



- Unannounced inspections of breeders' entire homes, not just "cattery" areas.
- Sterile, housing conditions based on large USDA commercial facility standards – no more "raised under-foot".
- EVERY pet buyer is REQUIRED to enter a person's home to purchase/pick up their new pet.
- Only cats born and raised on a breeder's premises can be sold;
- Breed rescue will not be possible

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR CAT LOVERS:

- YOU may no longer have the option of adopting the pet of your choice. Depending on where you live, finding a pedigreed cat could mean traveling a great distance.
- Dogs and Cats will not benefit – large scale commercial dog breeders who sell to pet stores are already USDA licensed. Commercial breeding of cats is almost non-existent.
- USDA resources will be overwhelmed; animals will suffer due to fewer inspections of commercial facilities.
- Cat breeds are ALL rare and valuable - breeding programs will end because breeders cannot comply.
- Home raised pets will become harder to adopt when hobby breeders refuse to make their homes into commercial "facilities".
- Rescue and placing pedigreed cats/purebred dogs in loving homes will diminish.

WHAT CAN YOU DO:

Send YOUR opposition by AUGUST 15TH, 2012
Use the APHIS [Federal e-Rulemaking Portal](http://www.cfa.org/aphis2.htm)
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Click the "Comment Now" button – upper right

Or send a letter to: Docket No. APHIS-2011-0003
Regulatory Analysis and Development
PPD,APHIS, Station 3A-03.8 4700
River Road, Unit 118
Riverdale, MD 20737-1238

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and points to make. Or contact us at: Legislation@cfa.org

Tell them you **OPPOSE** the new rule
Ask APHIS to **WITHDRAW** the proposal



The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
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