

# NSW Cavy Club, Inc. Code of Ethics

## *Ratified at General Meeting, 13 July 2003*

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As a member of the NSW Cavy Club Inc., you agree to accept and abide by the code described below:

- That a member will conduct themselves in a manner to bring credit to the Club when involved with Club matters or events.
- That a member will show good sportsmanship and foster good relations within the Club.
- That all cavies under the care of a member be housed and kept in clean, hygienic and comfortable conditions.
- That all cavies under the care of a member be fed an adequate diet with regular vegetables/etc. to maintain good condition.
- That a member shall handle cavies correctly and with care at all times.
- That a member of a registered stud shall keep accurate breeding records of litters.
- That all cavies sold by a member be in good health and free from parasites.
- That all cavies sold as pets be sold with diet information and basic care sheets.
- That a member shall not sell a baby cavy under 4 weeks of age without its mother and that all babies sold be properly weaned and eating by themselves.
- That no member shall sell a heavily pregnant sow.
- That all cavies, other than pets, be sold with pedigree papers at the time of sale.
- That all members shall truthfully represent the quality of the cavies they are selling to the best of their knowledge. That a cavy sold as show quality shall be a good example of its breed with no major or disqualifying faults.
- That a member shall not knowingly sell a cavy to a person who is incapable of properly caring for them or who has a history of ill-treating cavies in their care.
- That a member should be aware of the correct care of cavies and should be prepared to report to the Club or the appropriate welfare authority, genuine cases of persistent ill-treatment or neglect.
- That a member shall only sell or give cavies to pet shops or animal outlets fulfilling the following requirements:
  - Separate males & females of all ages at all times
  - Supply regular vegetables
  - Supply information sheets on the care and diet requirements with all cavies sold
  - Keep cavies in clean, hygienic and comfortable conditions
  - Sell cavies in good health and free from parasites
  - Do not knowingly sell pregnant females or babies under 4 weeks, without their mother ☺