

# **Privacy Policy of The International Bengal Cat Society, Inc.**

This privacy policy sets out how The International Bengal Cat Society, Inc. (TIBCS) uses and protects any information that you give TIBCS when you use this website, TIBCS services, or interact with TIBCS.

TIBCS is committed to ensuring that your privacy is protected. Should we ask you to provide certain information by which you can be identified when using this website, then you can be assured that it will only be used in accordance with this privacy statement.

TIBCS reserves the right to change this policy. The most recent version can be found on the Form and Documents page of the TIBCS website. Your engagement, interaction, and submission of information to TIBCS should only occur when you have reviewed and agree to this privacy policy. This policy is effective from [date].

## **What we collect**

We may collect the following information:

- Name
- Contact information including email address, address, phone, cattery name
- Demographic information such as postcode or zip code

## **What we do with the information we gather**

We require this information to understand your needs and provide you with a better service, and in particular for the following reasons:

- Internal record keeping
- Mail the Bengal Bulletin
- Email the electronic TIBCS Newsletter
- Give Ballot instructions and setup electronic voting
- The annual publishing of a Breeders Directory
- We may use the information to improve our products and services
- We may periodically send promotional emails about new products, special offers or other information which we think you may find interesting using the email address which you have provided
- From time to time, we may also use your information to contact you for market research purposes. We may contact you by email, phone, or mail. We may use the information to customize the website according to your interests. You will have the opportunity to opt out of any market research.

We will NOT provide your contact information to ANY OTHER ENTITY (including sponsors, partners and advertisers) companies unless you agree specifically to it.

## **Security**

We are committed to ensuring that your information is secure. In order to prevent unauthorized access or disclosure, we have put in place suitable physical, electronic and managerial procedures to safeguard and secure the information we collect online. Only those involved with the administration of a specific TIBCS function have access to any information you provide to TIBCS.

Only members of the Executive Board and the website administrator shall have regular access to TIBCS member information. All others shall be approved by the Executive Board by majority vote prior to accessing the information for a specific reason.

## **How we use cookies**

A cookie is a small file which asks permission to be placed on your computer's hard drive. Once you agree, the file is added and the cookie helps analyze web traffic or lets you know when you visit a particular site. Cookies allow web applications to respond to you as an individual. The web application can tailor its operations to your needs, likes and dislikes by gathering and remembering information about your preferences.

We use traffic log cookies to identify which pages are being used. This helps us analyze data about web page traffic and improve our website in order to tailor it to customer needs. We only use this information for statistical analysis purposes and then the data is removed from the system.

Overall, cookies help us provide you with a better website, by enabling us to monitor which pages you find useful and which you do not. A cookie in no way gives us access to your computer or any information about you, other than the data you choose to share with us.

You can choose to accept or decline cookies. Most web browsers automatically accept cookies, but you can usually modify your browser setting to decline cookies if you prefer. This may prevent you from taking full advantage of the website.

## **Links to other websites**

Our website may contain links to other websites of interest. However, once you have used these links to leave our site, you should note that we do not have any control over that other website. Therefore, we cannot be responsible for the protection and privacy of any information which you provide whilst visiting such sites and such sites are not governed by this privacy statement. You should exercise caution and look at the privacy statement applicable to the website in question.

## **Controlling your personal information**

You may choose to restrict the collection or use of your personal information in the following ways:

- Whenever you are asked to fill in a form on the website, look for the box that you can click to indicate that you do not want the information to be used by anybody for direct marketing purposes (keep info private)

- If you have previously agreed to us using your personal information for direct marketing purposes, you may change your mind at any time by updating your member profile.

We will not sell, distribute or lease your personal information to third parties unless we have your permission or are required by law to do so. We may use your personal information to send you promotional information about third parties which we think you may find interesting if you tell us that you wish this to happen.

You may request details of personal information which we hold about you under the Data Protection Act 1998. A small fee will be payable. If you would like a copy of the information held on you please write to the address at the bottom of the web page.

If you believe that any information we are holding on you is incorrect or incomplete, please write to or email us as soon as possible. We will promptly correct any information found to be incorrect.