# SHEDU CATS SERVER & GROUP ETIQUETTE & REGULATIONS

Etiquette - the set of rules or customs that control accepted behavior in particular social groups or social situations

"Good manners are just a way of showing other people that we have respect for them" ~Bill Kelly

Unfortunately, elementary norms of behavior in society and the principles of mutual respect are not obvious to everyone. Therefore, we decided to indicate them additionally.

- 1. Be respectful. Everyone has different feelings and opinions and it is important to respect this online. You may wish to comment on something someone has shared but always remember that behind every account is a real person. Refrain from insults and taking things personally. If you disagree with the opinion or shared material and still feel the need to share your thoughts on it, please, stick to constructive critique and keep the conversation polite. If you wouldn't say it to someone's face, the internet is not the place to say it either.
- 2. **Respect the privacy of others** Do not post publicly emails, DA notes, messages, images or other materials, including chat dialogs without permission of all affected partis.
- 3. Pick the right tone. Be careful with jokes. Do not write in CAPS. Since we depend on the written word in an online environment, it is especially important to choose the right words to get your meaning across. For example, sarcasm is harder to detect when you read the words rather than hearing them. And ALL CAPS or excessive amounts of exclamation points might be interpreted as yelling and shouting. And, as you know, yelling at people is not a part of appropriate behaviour in a society. Therefore refrain from using ALL CAPS and loads of exclamation signs.
- 4. **Avoid inappropriate material.** Distribution of pornographic or other disturbing material will result in disciplinary action.

- 5. **Do not nag people for any in-game goods.** While it is considered a fine thing to politely inquire about breeding slots, cat's sale status etc, it is never acceptable to beg for anything. If the owner declines an offer, refrain from continuing the line of inquiry.
- 6. **Harassment & Bullying is strictly forbidden.** You should never do that. And if you will, the ban hammer may be applied with no mercy to both your group membership and access to Discord server. Name-calling, abuse, threats of various kinds are all considered as harassment. So be wise about what you do and what you say.
- 7. Do not stir up conflicts, respect others opinions, political and religious views, leave controversial themes at the door. Do not respond to provocations, do not give in to attempts to drag you into a conflict. Remember, the opinions of others may differ from yours. This doesn't depreciate both positions, but doesn't give the right to conflict.
- 8. If a person asks you to stop doing something that bothers them and other members of the community be respectful to their request.
- 9. The administration can make comments for behavior, that goes beyond mutual politeness.
- 10. Do not set offensive, name-calling statuses in Discord server. As the custom statuses are global we can not manage those. Therefore if the request to remove the status will be ignored or dismissed, the person will be removed from Discord server, as there are no other mechanics that we can apply at the moment.
- 11. Take time to have a read of the rules of conduct/ community standards. Every user has the right to have the same positive experience online. The service you're using uses these guidelines to help guide and support you so that you know what will and won't be tolerated on their service. Before participating in group activity/Discord channel chats take a moment to read the guidelines, so you know the appropriate rules of posting, behaviour and what to do if you need to report something you see on this service.

# **REGULATIONS**

- 1. If you own a shedu you should become a member of the Shedu Cats DeviantArt group.
- 2. Shedu cats are closed species. That means you can not create your own shedu out of nowhere. You need to either buy an import or breed the cub from already existing cats in the game.
- 3. Shedu cats import sheets may not be uploaded to your own gallery. Only to the stash till the moment, when the actual import will be submitted by <u>SheduMaster</u> to <u>Deviantart</u>.
- 4. Shedu names, shedu handlers' names and nicknames should be kept PG-13.

5. Storylines and art should follow DeviantArt rules and if any mature content is present in them, they should be hidden under appropriate filters.

#### **ART**

## Submitting art to the group, original art, usage of references and art theft

#### Submitting art to the group:

- 1. Art should contain shedu cat(s)
- 2. Should be yours
- 3. If references are used, those should be properly listed in deviation description. "Used pictures from google" won't work. If you use a reference image that is not found online from book or journal name that book. If references won't be listed where it is due, we won't accept the deviation. In case if no references were used, state this also. However, be mindful. If it turns out to be a desinformation, you will get your first warning for violating rules. Tracing from stock photography is allowed for AP art, misc art, but is not allowed for shows that count in any artistic value/effort points. Skeletal tracing off of photography is allowed for any group activity. Tracing off others art is forbidden (as and referencing from art of others without author's permission and crediting them!)
- 4. If you use reference partially and do not rely on them heavily you might not list them. However, keep in mind that listing the references might spare you from any art-theft arguments!
- 5. Sheducats considers pieces (Art & Lit) made with the <u>use of AI tools</u> to fall into the category of stolen art and copyright infringement (of all the artists whose work was used without permission to train AI tools). \*Sheducats are not authorized to be used for AI or AI training in any form.

#### Copying, tracing and stealing art is forbidden!

Naturally, we do not have power nor are we entitled to regulate what is being posted on Deviant Art by the members of our group. However we are capable of not allowing certain art being posted in our group or becoming part of our ARPG. And we will certainly use this ability and right in cases of art theft or in cases of inappropriate use of references of any kind.

#### Violation of the rules and penalties:

- 1. Forgetting to list references: Image won't be accepted to the group and won't be legit for AP-counting as long as this issue won't be fixed.
- 2.If a person will systematically "forget" to list references 3 times in a row they will get their first warning.

- 3. Disinformation about references: Intentionally disinforming admin and public about this will cause deletion of the art from the group, AP nulled, person will get their first warning. With the second warning of the same nature they will get banned from the group and all their cats and goods will be confiscated.
- 4. Tracing off of others' art, stealing composition and copying of the ideas bit by bit.
  - Any art theft (proven and undoubtable) that does not include receiving any kind of profit
    won't be tolerated. Deviation will be deleted from the group, AP nulled, and the person
    will get their first warning.
  - If traced/overpainted art was sold and profit was gained as a result of usage of stolen art:
     Deviation will be deleted from the group, AP nulled, person will get banned and all of their cats will get confiscated.

**However!** We would like to stress that we do understand "inspiration" and things like that. There is nothing wrong with "being inspired", however in such a case proper credit should be given to the artist and artwork. And ideally before creating anything "heavy referenced" you should contact the artist and see if they are ok with your idea/level of referencing. Therefore keep in mind that if you did not ask an artist beforehand and they will be in their right to report you.

There comes another important thing. We do support style studies and different "draw in style of "contests/prompts, but we should state it clearly - exploring someone's style does not mean to copy everything. Playing with style, please, refrain from copying characters and poses to the extent that put you in a position of a possible tracer. It is disrespectful and honestly, ruins all the fun and essense of such tasks. They meant to be a learning and creative experience.

#### **SEE ALSO:**

Depicting grey cats in the art

#### **ACTIVITY RULES & DA ACCOUNTS**

**Activity rules -** There are no activity rules in the Shedu Cats group. That means if you buy a cat (designed or as a geno) you are not obligated to do anything with it. The cat won't be taken away from you for not being used.

**DA name change -** You need to notify the group about the DA name change (Use specific bank log for this, please). That way we will be able to keep track of your Shedu bank and have proof of any older ownership transfers made either by you or in your name.

Changing the DA account - You need to transfer all of your cats to the new account or otherwise you will lose the ownership! And no matter how similar the DA-Nicknames are. Only the person that is currently stated as the owner of the cat can do anything with them! You can do a co-owning transfer for second account, if you wish. One way or the other the note about the transfer should be present in the cat's LOG.

**Deactivation of account -** If you deactivate your account, you forfeit all rights to your Shedus, unless you transfer them to a new owner first. Without such an action all the cats will be assigned as being in ownership of the group after a month (30 days) from the discovery of the account deactivation. No refunds would be given.

Confiscated cats will be either "sold to pet homes" or stay in the ownership of Templado.

If you get kicked off DA for bad behavior before you can transfer the cats, we can't help you. Please sort it with dA.

If your account was hacked, follow regular DA procedure and contact DA mods from a different account, so they can check your IP addresses and ban the hacker from the site. Your cats will be frozen by admins and not sold or used in any way for at least 14 days after account deactivation has been discovered, so if hacked you have time to get back to us with proof etc.

#### NAMING YOUR SHEDU CAT

While we encourage creativity in the naming of your Shedu Cat, we want to make sure that the content within the group is safe for the wide range of ages within our group. To help with that, we've written up a few guidelines to help keep everything safe and enjoyable for everyone! Please remember that Admin can ask you to change the name of a cat if they feel it goes against any of these rules. If asked, please change the name so we can get your cat uploaded.

#### **GENERAL NAMING:**

Rules to keep in mind for all cats:

- Names should follow DeviantArt rules.
- Names should not contain any harmful propaganda of any kind.
- Full names of important (and/or controversial) politicians or controversial historical figures of XXI or XX century should not be used as names for shedus.
- All names should be kept PG-13. This should apply to handlers too
- No derogatory or offensive names, such as racial slurs, references to people or places that are potentially racially insensitive, crude language, etc.
- As a general idea, OERS cats are Official and held in high regard, and as such their names should be fitting. Think of racehorse names as a good idea.
- In contrast, Street cats usually have gritty and rough feeling names. Think of wrestlers or what you would name your own pet.
- As an example "Chicken Little 297637" is good for an official name, but they could have a nickname of "Chicken Head".
  - "Dirtbag" is a great name for a street cat, but would feel a bit weird for a high-end Komainu.

#### **OERS CATS NAMING:**

These rules are applied to all officially registered cats:

- No names consisting entirely of numbers (Group NPC cats of the past can bear such names)
- No names clearly having SheduVerse lore significance/an in-game "trademark", such as "Elsevier", "Helix" etc.
- No names from the <u>starters list</u> & Hall of Fame members & Triple Crown winners and League Champions.
- You can not use names of existing shedu cats that do not belong to you and add to them an ending with a numerical designation such as "2nd" or "3rd etc. For example, only Templado, the owner of Ramses and Ramses II can name the cat sired by one of the Ramseses and name him Ramses III.
  - Names with numerical designations are allowed only if the name of the cat is the same, and the cat with the original name is owned by you. The name with numerical designation is only allowed to be used with offspring (or grand cubs, grand-grand cubs etc) of the cat with the original name, be it sire or dam.

#### STREET BRED CATS NAMING:

These rules are applied to all streetbred cats:

- In addition to the General Naming rules, we have a few things to add or clarify for streetcats
- Don't use slang/innuendo/etc referring to genitalia, sexual excretions, or sexual acts. Saliva, sweat, and blood are allowed as long as it's not implying something.
- Don't be too crude. While "soft" curses like heck, dang, damn etc are okay, but please stay away from As\*, Sh\*t, F\*ck, etc. Also words derived from/containing "shit", "ass", "fart" are forbidden.

#### **ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS:**

- Word with potentially offensive meaning might be allowed to be used as a shedu name if
  it has another meaning that is described/confirmed in official dictionaries and this
  meaning of the word is widely known and/or known better than the slang meaning.
- This set of rules is not retroactive. Cats that have already been uploaded as of August 21, 2021 will be able to keep their names as is, even if they contradict these rules.
- The Admin team retains the right to decline the cat with a name they find offensive without further explanation or discussion.
- If a cat uploaded after August 21, 2021 has an improper name and was accepted for one reason or another, the cat's name will be reduced to its ID and the owner will be

- requested to come up with another name. If a cat was named in a language other than English or Russian, and its name bears an offensive meaning, the name will be reduced to the cat's ID, and the owner will be requested to come up with another name as well as issued with the first warning for intentional break of the rules.
- If you are unsure as to properly naming your cat, please feel free to ask your question in the NeedHelp channel of the SheduVerse discord server or note the group.

#### **CHANGING DESIGN**

You can change cat's design using <u>Import Change token</u>, but only if certain conditions are met:

- If the design was made by you, and the cat was not drawn. In such a case you can redesign the cat as you like.
- If the design was made by you, and the cat was drawn. In such cases you can only update the design. Updating means leaving all the design's traits as is, but depict them in a better way, like make spots more accurate, add more detailing to it etc.
- You are also allowed to change the design if it was made by someone else, cat was not drawn and the original designer does not mind you redesign it. For cats, uploaded before Feb`19 you`ll need a written permission of the original designer to do so. All of the designs, uploaded after that month are followed by one of three next lines, that states the permissions:

Design (c) @.....

- a) Design is allowed to be changed and updated as long as these changes are made according to the group rules.
- b) Design is not allowed to be changed, altered or updated in any way
- c) Design is not allowed to be altered, but it is allowed to be updated as long as the update is made according to the group rules.

**IMPORTANT!** If you are dealing with an old cat and the original designer deactivated their account you are free to redesign the cat without their permission. However, if the design has the line "b) Design is not allowed to be changed, altered or updated in any way" you won't be able to edit the design in any circumstances.

You may not alter the lines above! They have to stay exactly as written above.

- You are allowed to change the BG with the very same token.
- You will need to submit your updated design to CORRECTIONS LOG, as the design will need to be approved once again, before it could be updated.

• You are not allowed to change the design of a cat that was drawn at least once. In this case you can only update the design, if you'll feel like that.

**IMPORTANT!** You do not need a Design change token to apply/proceed next things:

- Apply scar token
- Change the background due to Fake papers being applied for the cat
- Changing the background for the proper one due to some sort of mistake happened earlier.
- Changing an incorrect lineart of a cat to the correct one due to a previously missing lineart.
- Change the background to a prize background (IFS status BG, for example)

#### CHANGING PERSONALITY

You may change cat's personality under certain conditions, (it can be done in corresponding section of the cat's LOG - "personality". If the cat in question is an old import, use troubleshooting and request for such LOG to be added to your import):

- If the cat is an old import and has a randomly generated personality, then you can
  tweak it or expand it as you like. However, it is advised that you keep the core idea
  of the cat's personality. For example, you cannot turn a grumpy dude into a happy
  cuddle bug.
- If the cat has no assigned personality, you may do as you like with it. Be creative. Also, pay attention to the cat's temperament stat. If he/she has a 1-5 for a temperament he/she will not be a nice dude/dudette! These are things that you cannot change unless you do training/conditioning. This applies to all cats.
- You also can develop already existing personality as the story of your cat progresses.

#### CHANGING NAME

You may change cat's name under certain conditions, using import change token (REDESIGN TOKEN):

- Breeders' prefix or suffix if present, should be kept unchanged.
- Name should not contain any profanities or controversial things or be offensive
- Name should follow breeder's rules if there are any (But! Breeder should inform you about these before you buy or breed a cat)

#### PARTICIPATING IN SHOWS

Show entries should be submitted to the show LOG by the cat's owner themselves. Or if it is done by the artist, then the owner of the cat should comment back with approval, that they are aware that their cat is taking part in the show and have nothing against it!

#### **PRIZES IN SHOWS**

Prizes for winning and placing in Shedu Cats group events (that are really happening somewhere in the Sheduverse, like a show jumping event or a dressage competition) are by default given to the cat that was entered in this show and won, to the character listed as handler/rider, and the person who has submitted the entry to the show LOG. No matter who actually drew the entry!

Prizes are given out by SheduMaster via comment as a response to the comment in the show LOG. The winner then should go and retrieve their items in the shedu bank log, using SheduMaster's comment as the proof of their placing and ownership of said items/prizes.

#### Art points (AP & AP (unbound))

APs are bound to the cat that entered the show. If there were several cats, the total amount of APs should be distributed evenly between the cats.

AP (unbound) can go to any cat that the person, who submitted the art to the competition LOG has. AP (unbound) can be gained in group events that work like challenges or flash mobs and are not being a show/event that takes place in the Sheduverse. The bright example of such a group event is 7 days of shedus (SDoS).

#### Stat Points (SP)

SPs are always bound to the cat that entered a show. If there were several cats in the entry, you have to divide the SPs evenly among them.

SPs should go to the stats that were used in the show (evenly). If the show did not take any stats into the account, SPs should be distributed among stats of your choice but no more than 3 SPs per stat.

SPs from different winnings/prizes still obey this rule. If you apply 3 SPs to one stat, you should apply the next SP point to a different stat before you can go back and add SPs to the "stat of your choice".

#### Traits of the shedu and the rider

If won - go directly to the shedu and/or rider/handler that took part in the show. The exception - the trait token. That item can be applied to any other cat/rider/handler.

#### Items & companions

Designed tack sets or rider's attire should go to the cat/rider who took part in the competition.

Special items such as Breeders pins should be applied only to the character (handler/rider) who took part in the competition.

Other items can be applied to any other characters.

#### **EXPLORATION LOOT**

All loot from explorations, including companions is unbound and can be applied to any cat or character.

#### PROPER USE OF CAT'S LOG

Shedu Cats group relay on the LOG system when it comes to tracking activity and life changing events of each individual cat.

You need to follow few rules when using LOG:

- Comments in mandatory LOG sections (ownership transfer/breeding/stats) should never be edited or hidden. If we will face a dispute about ownership transfers and there will be hidden comments in that part of LOG, we will ask a person (the owner) to uncover the comments. If the owner refuses to do that, we will solve the dispute in favor of a person, who presumably was cheated, due to the fact that we won't be able to check the deal's details.
- Ownership transfers MUST be in LOG of the cat that is being sold/ traded/ transferred. The transfer needs to come from the previous owner of the cat, not the new one (the buyer), any other admin, except for @Tempado, or anyone else. This rule is very important and must be followed strictly.

After this step is done, to confirm your deal and ownership transfer by admins, use this LOG: **Ownership Transfer Log** 

In this LOG the new owner can put the request, if they already have the cat transferred to them by the previous owner in the cat's individual LOG.

Breeding deals and permissions should be written in the cat's personal LOG
 (in "breedings" section). The actual breeding request should be placed as the
 response to the permission itself if the cat is female (Like this). If the cat is a male,
 then you need to put a link to the actual breeding request as a response to the
 permission comment. (Like here, for example).
 Second step would be to submit a breeding request to the Season LOG. Otherwise
 breeding won't be proceed.

#### **BREEDING DEALS & REGULATIONS**

All breeding deals should be written in the cat's personal LOG. If the conditions of the deal are stated in the cat's LOG by the owner, the group staff will be able to help with the situation if one of the parties won't be able to complete the conditions of the deal. If you received a permission to breed a particular female cat, you need to post your breeding request as the comment to the very permission you've got. If you received permission to breed a particular male cat, you will still need to post the breeding request in dam's (female's) LOG. After that, copy the link to your request located in the female's LOG and post it via comment to the permission in the male's LOG.

- You can not breed other's cats without owner's permission
- You can not breed cats without them receiving breeding papers. The only exceptions are Elsevier cats a.k.a group cats (any cat that is owned by @Templado).

**REMEMBER**, if your breeding deal conditions are not posted publicly with breeding permission, group won't be able to intervene and help you with sorting things if something goes wrong. Plus such deals can be seen as suspicious.

Forms to consider when you are about to arrange breeding deal (slot sale or split litter):

#### **SPLIT LITTER AGREEMENT** (in cat's LOG)

Split litter between: @DA-name1 & @DA-name2.

#### **Conditions:**

- A) Full split (50/50)
- B) POTL to @ DA name and rest to DAname 2

#### How cubs are picked/sorted:

- 1) DA-Name gets first cub and then we split the rest in turns
- 2) Special conditions: DA-Name gets the first cat with traits: (list traits here) If there is no such cat we (insert different conditions of the split)

#### If there:

#### Only one cub:

- A) We co-own the cat
- B) We sell it and split payment
- C) DA-Name-1 get a cub and DA-name2 gets a first slot to it
- -Or any other conditions that do not contradict the benefits for 2 participants.

Buy-out rights?
GENERAL BREEDING PERMISSION:
Permission to DA-Name
To be used during the season
If not used in time:
A) Can be used another season with new arrangement of dates
B) Expires/is lost
Regulations:
Items & companions:
Allowed to use
Not allowed
Allowed, except for:
Re-Selling the slot:
Allowed
Not allowed
Splits:
Allowed
Not allowed
A wish to be able to buy back cubs: Yes/No
Usage of prefixes: - list conditions if any

Odd number of cubs:

3) We co-own the cub

**EXTRAs** 

Use of prefix?

SEE ALSO:

**BREEDING MISCONDUCT** 

DA-name gets the leftover cub
 We sell the cub and divide profits

## **BUYING AND SELLING SHEDU CATS**

The suggested minimal price for any shedu import is \$7 or 700 DA pts or 70 000 RDs.

• Cats that are taken for free from Weasyls or Elseviers cannot be sold for points unless the cat has reached 200 AP.

- Cats that are bought for points or money cannot be sold for more than their purchase price unless the cat has reached 200 AP. These cats can be gifted/traded, but the initial rules still apply for the new owner.
- Adding a Prefix/Suffix to the cat or geno:
  - (Rules effective for cats sold after Nov 01/22)
  - o If you are the seller, list in the sales deal your Prefix/Suffix rules
  - If you are the buyer, please ensure any Prefix/suffix rules are stated in the sales deal.
  - Adding your own Prefix/Suffix to a cat you did not breed is not permitted without the breeders consent (\*sales deals are important)
  - Breeders will have one week from the time of cat's upload to contest any prefix/suffix violations. (note the group or contact via discord)
  - \*in the event that no prefix/suffix rules are listed; Admin has the right to final rule.
- All other sales are up to you to decide and put conditions.

Remember that the previous owner of a cat (seller) MUST put ownership transfer on cat's LOG, and then approve it by admins, using this log for transfer to become official.

The new owner can post the request for ownership transfer in this log also, for that they would need to provide the proof of ownership transfer in their name in cat's LOG. Keep in mind that if there will be some sort of lack of clarity in the transfer comment, the admin will contact the previous owner for the additional confirmation of the transfer.

The only other person that can transfer a cat to any other person (due to confiscation or old Weasyl/Elsevier sales of cats and not on a daily basis, ofcourse) is <u>Templado</u>. No other admin can do it!

It is very good idea and way to manage sales and transfers these ways:

Also it is good to mark conditions of the sale, such as " Was sold to "\_\_\_\_\_" for 700 pts. Not mandatory, but a good thing to do.

When you are sorting out the deal, seller would be a precious person, if they mark on the cat's LOG something like this:

"Cat is assigned for sale for "Username tag here" for 5 images of the cat "link to cat, that must be drawn"

And next comment under that: Payment pending.

And when deal is done - Payment completed: Owner of the cat "username tag here"

Transfer comments may not be removed to make a deal invalid. Proof of an action like that will have consequences.

#### **AUCTIONS**

Auctions are allowed and encouraged in Sheduverse

Auctions, private or group-organized, are to be kept fair and within group rules. Failure to follow group rules will have consequences.

Auto-bidding (BOTs) or using a friend to push up bids is strictly forbidden. Proof of an action like that will have consequences.

#### **CAT'S STERILIZATION**

This is just like how it is in real life. It is permanent and can not be canceled.

If you want to keep a few slots for the cat that is about to be sterilized, you should use "gene storage item". This item should be used before the cat gets sterilized.

In any breedings that will be done with help of "gene storage item" will be using the stats of the cat that were actual at the time of the gene storage item usage. No matter if the cat's stats were raised since then or not.

#### **DECEASING YOUR CAT**

Just like with sterilization, this is a permanent act and cannot be undone.

This is not something that should be done lightly.

Admins are not allowed to randomly mark your cat as deceased as some form of punishment.

#### Owners are the only ones who can request to mark a cat as deceased.

On the question of cats having any chance to die - yes. In some quests and events it is possible. Yet all the "moves" that will bring your cat to the end are marked and have a warning message with them. And any other roll that can bring a sad end is also pointed out and often there are ways to avoid such things.

\*\* Notice, that in history of group there was a case of "undeceased" cats, and that case was unique and had something to do with sorting out "relations" with members. Yet, even then, cats were deceased ONLY by request of the owner!

#### LINE STARTER' RULES SET BY GROUP MEMBERS

The line starter's special rules that people were allowed to come up with were always intended to be decorative additions that are not set in stone as the group rules regarding game mechanics but as interesting traditions to help make the cats of the particular line to stand out with interesting naming traditions etc.

,However, some of the cats that are starters of their own lines (lineages) have very specific rules, set by group members. Unfortunately it is impossible to keep track of those for a whole set of reasons.

Therefore we would like to stress out that group will no longer support and enforce those.

We, however, recommend to treat and respect those rules as the traditions.

For the owners of the starter cats we can suggest a few ways to make sure that their rules are followed and respected by other members:

Write up the conditions of the sale or breeding permission in cat's LOG. Listing all of the clauses of the traditions/rules with penalties for not following those (Please, be reasonable with the "penalties". Those should never contain any real life currency or DA pts compensations! Only in-game goods). That way the group admins will be able to help sort out the case. As it will fall under the category of breaking the breeding/trade deal rather than Line traditions.

Important:

The comment with ownership transfer or the breeding deal should not be edited! The rules should be there from the start and by no means should be a surprise for the breeder/buyer. It's the line starter's job to make sure the client is aware of special rules (traditions) that comes with the deal!

 Make the deals with trusted members of the community, interested and involved in RP/Lore building.

# PENALTIES, BLACKLISTING & BANNING IN SHEDU CATS GROUP LONG STORY SHORT:

YOU CAN GET PERMANENTLY BANNED ONLY FOR INTENTIONAL OR REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF THE GROUP RULES.

#### THE RULE OF THREE WARNINGS

If a member breaks the rules for the first time (and this does not happen to be financial or art-deal fraud of some sorts), they receive the first warning.

In cases of inappropriate behavior (being rude and disrespectful, using absence language, refusing to follow the rules and regulations) the first warning might be accompanied with a temporary ban from the group for 3 days.

If a member breaks the rules for a second time (and this does not happen to be financial or art-deal fraud of some sorts), they receive their second warning.

Depending on the severity of the violation and its nature the warning may be accompanied by the temporary restriction of access to certain activities of the group or by a 14 days long ban from the group.

If a member breaks the rules for the third time, they will get their third warning and will be excluded from the group.

Their cats will be confiscated.

If such a person will try to get back into the group using another DA-account and this fact will be discovered, they will be banned yet again.

#### INSTRUCTION: HOW TO RECEIVE AN INSTANT BAN

We are happy to say that we rarely ban people from this group and that our members are good at solving their own problems. Sadly there are always a few people who try to step over group boundaries.

- 1. Any financial or AP fraud if won't be resolved, will cause an instant ban and confiscation of the cats.
- 2. Repetitive usage of loopholes in the game mechanics for own advantage instead of reporting them instantly.
- 3. Repetitive attempts to pass by breeding/AP/SP restrictions and regulations.
- 4. Deleting/hiding or editing comments with breeding permissions, ownership transfers or any other vital information from cat's LOG or character's LOG for own advantage.

#### **BREEDING MISCONDUCT**

While we do believe each and every one of our members are upstanding and reputable participants of our group, and we do allow the marking and sale of slots to cats who can not yet breed (i.e. do not have a SPC, PB, or FP), but we do not condone the cases of unfulfilled breeding slots. While we do insist our members be careful in what slots they buy, or who they buy from, and try to sort out breeding affairs internally, we do believe in sorting out unfair deals in the cases of very old slots and other irresponsible breeding habits.

In cases where a breeding has remained in limbo for over a year - or 356 days AFTER the date marked on the slot - the group can intervene.

At what point will the group take action?

Members have exactly 365 days after the slot is marked to get it breedable, if the owner of the cat has not upheld their end of the slot, the member with said slot may come to the group for an intervention.

In order to request a intervention you will need:

- 1.) Proof of the slot or deal (an unaltered screenshot of the slot in question that clearly shows the cat does not have breeding papers of any kind)
- 2.) At least 2 screenshotted attempts via Discord or DA proving you have requested the cat be breedable by its one year date and clearly stating our group consequences for not doing so.

3.) If the slot is still unusable, send a note to Shedu Master about your situation and include your sta.sh screen shots as well as a link to the cat in question.

If a breeding is seen as unjust by the Shedu team, the cat in question will be allowed to breed under the sanction of Shedu Master with written permission.

- Male cats will be marked with a special breeding that will age the male only 1 season and all slots will be listed under that special permission. These breedings can be used in any season during the next 365 days.
- Female cats will be treated per standard breeding rules aging the female 1 year per breeding. These breedings can be used in any season during the next 365 days. The double ups won't require any additional breeding items (gene storage).

Your cat will NOT receive breeding papers of any kind, these slots will be sanctioned by Shedu Cats and have a Shedu Cats comment below it stating such.

While yes we do understand life and events can get in the way of promises, we believe a year is more than enough time to complete a deal in a timely manner. Failing to comply with breeding rules will also carry consequences for the owner as follows.

- 1.) First incident will result in a warning
- 2.) A second incident will result in a ban from two breeding seasons including splits
- 3.) A third incident will result in a ban from four breeding seasons including splits
- 4.) A fourth strike will result in an automatic ban from the group and a confiscation of all cats owned by the player.

If you have a slot to a cat owned by a Inactive/Deactivated user, you may also report this issue to Shedu Cats directly with breeding proof and link to said cat, your slots will be given a Shedu Master comment and can be used normally but will not age the cat in any way or be treated like a Elsvier breeding.

If you have a pre-existing slot to a cat before this update [November 2nd 2020], and it still has not received breeding papers of any kind, the owners will have exactly 6 months or 182 days from this date before the in-game rule will affect them. You will in a sense have exactly 18 months or 547 days from this date to get a cat breedable before group intervention can be requested.

Grey gene (nG/GG) causes progressive changes to the coat colour of the shedu, similar to how grey works in real life horses. The speed of the grey progression is up to the owner.

But! The stages of greying should be firmly set and visualized for both the owner and other group members to draw the cat correspondingly.

The chart of greying should be attached in cat's LOG (Misc section) with clear connection between the looks and the age of the animal. In show and event entries cat's greying stage should look properly according to the chart.

If cat has such a chart and their look in the entry differs from the original design, then the owner/artist should clearly state in the description that another stage of greying is depicted and link the greying chart. If the greying stage does not fit the age, stated in the entry description, penalties for accuracy may be given.

#### If cat has no greying chart:

Cat should be then depicted as it is presented in the official import sheet (design, uploaded to SheduMaster)

#### Important!

Only the owner of the cat can create and post the greying chart. The chart can be edited, but only for the upcoming years of cat's life. So if you got a cat of 7 years of age, you can edit the geying stages starting only from 7 years and further on.