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The Cat Group is very concerned about the breeding and promotion of so-called '**Bully**' or '**Dwelf**' cats.



We are **completely opposed** to the breeding of cats with extreme physical characteristics that negatively impact on their welfare and quality of life.



'**Bully**' and '**Dwelf**' cats suffer from physical deformities, including hairlessness and distorted limbs, among other defects. Breeding for deformity is unethical and causes unacceptable pain and suffering. These defects, particularly limb deformities (short, bowed legs) and abnormal joints are painful and restrict mobility, thus preventing these cats from carrying out normal behaviours essential for their welfare and their ability to live a good quality of life.



The Cat Group strongly urges breeders **to cease breeding** '**Bully**' or '**Dwelf**' cats. These cats should not be promoted in any way, for example through social media, or by their presence at cat shows.



We **ask the public not to buy** these cats under any circumstances; doing so is irresponsible as it promotes popularity and leads to more cats with these issues being born to suffer.



More information about the health issues affecting '**Bully**' and '**Dwelf**' cats is available on the [iCatCare website](https://www.catcare.org.uk).



Dwelf cat



Bully cat

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Working together for a
healthier, brighter future for cats.

The Cat Group is part of the Canine & Feline Sector Group (CFSG), bringing together expert organisations to improve cat welfare across the UK.



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