GCCF REGISTRATION POLICY FOR ORIENTAL LONGHAIR CATS

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This registration policy applies to all colours of Oriental longhair which are recognised by GCCF at present. It shall also apply to any other colours of Oriental longhair which may be produced by a combination of the colour genes already accepted in Oriental Longhairs.

When breeding Oriental longhairs every attempt should be made to select healthy cats to breed from, free from known hereditary diseases.

If a cat is known to have possessed the gene for Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD), its progeny should be screened for PKD before being used for breeding Oriental longhairs.

If practical and reliable genetic tests become available for Hepatic and/or Renal Amyloidosis, cats should be screened for this before being used for breeding Oriental longhairs in order to be aware of the extent of the problem.

If any hereditary disease, for which a practical and reliable test is available, becomes prevalent in Oriental Longhairs, this Registration Policy may be amended to require testing for that particular disease before progeny may be registered on the Active Register, untested cats being registered on the Genetic register.

I. BREEDS PERMITTED IN THE PEDIGREES OF ORIENTAL LONGHAIRS

A ORIENTAL LONGHAIRS

Oriental Longhairs are recognised in the following colours: white (green-eyed, odd-eyed and blue-eyed) (w 61/63/64), black (brown) (n), blue (a), chocolate (b), lilac (c), red (d), black tortie (f), cream (e), apricot (e 121), blue tortie (g), chocolate tortie (h), lilac tortie (j), cinnamon (o), cinnamon tortie (q), caramel (a/c/p 121), caramel tortie (g/j/r 121), fawn (p) and fawn tortie (r). Smoke Oriental Longhairs are recognised in all of the above colours (except white). Oriental Longhairs of Classic Tabby (22), Mackerel Tabby (23), Spotted Tabby (24), Ticked Tabby (25) and Shaded (11) patterns are recognised in all of the above colours (except white) and the silver versions of all of these.

B. ORIENTAL LONGHAIRS OF UNRECOGNISED COLOURS AND ORIENTAL LONGHAIR VARIANTS

Colours which are not yet recognised at Preliminary level but which are produced by a combination of the colour genes already recognised in Oriental Longhairs are accepted in the pedigrees of Oriental Longhairs.

Pointed Oriental Longhairs in any of the accepted Oriental Longhair colours, and of those colours or their silver versions with unspecified tabby pattern (21), are accepted in the pedigrees of Oriental Longhairs.

Oriental Longhair Variants, the shorthaired offspring of Oriental Longhair matings to Oriental or Siamese, are accepted in the pedigrees of Oriental longhairs.

C. BALINESE AND BALINESE VARIANTS

Balinese (BAL a-r, BAL a-r 21, BAL a/c/p/g/j/r/e 121, BAL a/c/p/g/j/r/e 121) and Balinese Variants (BAL a-r 82v, BAL a-r 21 82v, BAL a/c/p/g/j/r/e 82v 121, BAL a/c/p/g/j/r/e 82v 121) are accepted in the pedigrees of Oriental Longhairs.

D. ORIENTAL SHORTHAIRS

Oriental Shorthairs of the colours and patterns described in (A) above are accepted in the pedigrees of Oriental longhairs.

E. SIAMESE

Siamese (SIA a-r, SIA a-r 21, SIA a/c/p/g/j/r/e 121, SIA a/c/p/g/j/r/e 21 121) are accepted in the pedigrees of Oriental Longhairs.
Pointed cats of any of the Oriental longhair colours described in A or B above, and of those colours or their silver versions with unspecified tabby pattern (21), but which are not yet accepted as Siamese, are accepted in the pedigrees of Oriental Longhairs. e.g. Silver Tabby Point, Smoke Point etc. These are to be considered as the Siamese for the purpose of this registration policy.

NB Any breeds displaying white spotting (but not the piebald spotting which is the genetic basis for bicolours), white gloving or the gene for Burmese colour restriction are excluded.

F. ORIENTAL BICOLOURS

Oriental Bicolours of all colours and patterns are accepted in the pedigrees of Oriental Longhairs.

G. SH OF ORIENTAL TYPE, LH OF ORIENTAL TYPE, SH OF SIAMESE TYPE, LH OF BALINESE TYPE

These are to be considered as the appropriate colour and pattern of Oriental Shorthair, Oriental Longhair, Siamese or Balinese for the purpose of this registration policy.

II. REGISTRATION POLICY

1. FULL REGISTER

Oriental Longhairs with Full recognition which have in their pedigrees within the preceding four generations only Oriental Longhairs as listed in A above shall be registered on the Full Register, with the exception of those cats whose pedigrees include within three generations a cat registered on the Experimental or Reference Register.

2. SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTER

Oriental Longhairs with Full or Preliminary recognition which have in their pedigrees within the preceding four generations only cats of breeds listed in Section I above shall be registered on the Supplementary Register.

Shorthaired cats of Oriental or Siamese appearance with one parent of breed listed in A to C above which have in their pedigrees within the preceding four generations only cats of breeds listed in Section I above and which are not covered by the Registration Policies for Oriental Shorthairs, Siamese or Balinese shall be registered on the Supplementary Register as Oriental Longhair Variants.

3. REFERENCE REGISTER - I

Oriental longhairs of breeds, such as those listed in B above, which do not yet have Preliminary recognition but which have in their pedigrees within the preceding four generations only cats of breeds listed in Section I above shall be registered on the Reference Register but shall be eligible to be considered as registered on the Supplementary Register in the event of Preliminary recognition of their breed.

4. REFERENCE REGISTER - II

Cats of Oriental longhair appearance produced from matings to other recognised breeds whose Registration Policies permit Oriental Longhairs as an outcross breed shall be registered as directed by the Registration Policy for the other breed, but with no reference to Oriental type, and shall not be permitted in the pedigrees of Oriental Longhairs.

Any other cat of Oriental Longhair appearance one of whose parents is of a breed not listed in section I above, or any cat of Oriental Longhair appearance imported onto the GCCF register which has in its pedigree within the preceding four generations any cats other than the breeds listed in section I above shall be registered on the Reference Register as "no recognised breed" and with no progression, unless accompanied by a four generation pedigree showing no gloved, Burmese/Tonkinese coloured, Bengal, rex-coated or hair-deficient breeds, together with an explanation of the reason for the outcross: this may be referred to the relevant BAC before progeny may be registered as "LH of Oriental type".

NOTE 1: All Red, Cream or Apricot Orientals with one or more Tabby Point, Oriental Tabby or Oriental Shaded parent(s) must be registered as Red, Cream or Apricot Oriental Tabbies or Shadeds until proved otherwise. They may not be registered as Oriental Selfs or Oriental Smokes until test matings or genetic testing have proved them to be free of the agouti gene. No cat may be registered as a Tabby or Shaded unless it has an agouti parent.

In the case of cats imported onto the GCCF register, no cat with a Tabby Point, Oriental Tabby or Oriental Shaded within four generations may be registered as a Red, Cream or Apricot Self or Smoke unless either

a. the cat has been proved by test matings or genetic testing to be non-agouti, or
b. there is a non-red, non-agouti cat breaking the line descending from the Tabby Point/Oriental Tabby/Shaded, or
c. a Red, Cream or Apricot cat in the line descended from the Tabby Point/Oriental Tabby/Shaded has been proved by test matings or genetic testing to be non-agouti.

NOTE 2: Before the registration of any White Oriental Longhair (OLH w 61/63/64/67) or White Oriental Longhair Variant (OLH w 61/63/64/67 82v), a certificate of freedom from deafness for the white parent(s) must be supplied to the GCCF.

N.B.

This ruling shall take effect from 11th September 1991, amended 29th June 2024 and shall not be retrospective. All suitable offspring of two Full Register parents shall themselves be registered on the Full Register. All suitable offspring of two Supplementary or Experimental Register parents, or from one Full Register and one Supplementary or Experimental Register parent, shall be registered on the Supplementary or Experimental Register as appropriate. From 11th September 1991 amended 29th June 2024 any kittens born from parents of any breed not listed in section I shall be registered as defined above.