GCCF REGISTRATION POLICY FOR ORIENTAL SHORTHAIR CATS

Other than Foreign White

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This registration policy applies to all Oriental Shorthair breeds which at present have Full or

Preliminary recognition with the exception of the Foreign White (SIA w 67). It shall also apply to any other breeds/colours of Oriental Shorthair which may be produced by a combination of the colour genes already recognised in Oriental Shorthairs.

When breeding Oriental Shorthairs 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, either under the FAB/PKD scheme or by a reliable genetic test, before being used for breeding Oriental Shorthairs. 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 Shorthairs 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 Shorthairs, 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 SHORTHAIRS

A. ORIENTAL SHORTHAIRS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FOREIGN WHITE

Oriental Shorthairs are recognised in the following colours: black (brown) (n), blue (a), chocolate (b), lilac (c), red (d), black tortie (f), cream (e), apricot (em), blue tortie (g), chocolate tortie (h), lilac tortie (j), cinnamon (o), cinnamon tortie (q), caramel (m), caramel tortie (k), fawn (p) and fawn tortie (r) (referred to hereinafter as the standard colours) and the silver versions of all of these.

Oriental Whites are recognised with blue, green, or odd eye colour.

A.i. Standard Division: Havana (OSH b), Oriental Lilac (OSH c), Oriental Black (OSH n), Oriental Blue (OSH a), Oriental Red (OSH d), Oriental Cream (OSH e), Oriental Apricot (OSH em), Oriental Tortie (OSH f,g,h,k,q,r), Oriental Cinnamon (OSH o), Oriental Caramel (OSH m), Oriental Fawn (OSH p), Oriental Spotted Tabby (OSH standard colours 24), Oriental Classic Tabby (OSH standard colours 22), Oriental Mackerel Tabby (OSH b standard colours 23), Oriental Ticked Tabby (OSH standard colours 25).

A.ii. Silver Division: Oriental Smoke (OSH silver colours), Oriental Spotted Tabby (OSH silver colours 24), Oriental Classic Tabby (OSH silver colours 22), Oriental Mackerel Tabby (OSH silver colours 23), Oriental Ticked Tabby (OSH silver colours 25).

A.iii. Shaded Division: Oriental Shaded (OSH all colours, standard and silver 11).

B. UNRECOGNISED ORIENTAL SHORTHAIRS

Breeds which are not yet recognised at Preliminary level but which are produced by a combination of the colour genes already recognised in Oriental Shorthairs are accepted in the

pedigrees of Oriental Shorthairs. If recognised, these would be placed in the appropriate division. (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.)

C. SIAMESE

Siamese (SIA a-r, SIA a-r 21) are accepted in the pedigrees of Oriental Shorthairs.

D. SIAMESE OF UNRECOGNISED COLOURS

Pointed cats of any of the Oriental Shorthair colours described in A or B above, but which are not yet accepted as Siamese, are accepted in the pedigrees of Oriental Shorthairs. e.g. Silver Tabby Point, Smoke Point etc. For the purposes of this document these cats will be described as Siamese.

E. ORIENTAL BICOLOUR SHORTHAIRS

Oriental Bicolour Shorthairs of all colours and patterns are accepted in the pedigrees of Oriental Shorthairs.

F. i. ORIENTAL LONGHAIRS AND VARIANTS; BALINESE AND VARIANTS, ORIENTAL BICOLOUR LONGHAIRS

Oriental Longhairs and Oriental Longhair Variants of all colours and patterns except white; Balinese and Balinese Variants of all colours and patterns and Oriental Bicolour Longhairs of all colours and patterns are accepted in the pedigrees of Oriental Shorthairs, provided that the Oriental Shorthair has been shown by genetic testing not to carry longhair.

F. ii. WHITE ORIENTAL LONGHAIRS AND ORIENTAL LONGHAIR VARIANTS

White Oriental Longhairs and Oriental Longhair Variants are accepted in the pedigrees of Oriental Shorthairs provided that the Oriental Shorthair has been shown by genetic testing not to carry longhair.

The genetic test referred to above must show the cat to be free of any FGF5 mutation. This may be either by a test of the cat itself, the result of which must be supplied with the application for registration, or by the line of descent from any cat in this group being broken by a cat which has been so tested.

Oriental Shorthairs with an ancestor from this group shall be overstamped "Longhair in pedigree".

G. FOREIGN WHITES

Foreign whites are accepted in the pedigrees of Oriental Shorthairs.

H. 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 Shorthairs, with the exception of the Foreign White, with Full recognition which have in their pedigrees within the preceding four generations only Oriental Shorthairs of the same division as listed in A.i. to Aiii. 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 Shorthairs, with the exception of the Foreign and Oriental White, with Full or Preliminary recognition which have in their pedigrees within the preceding four-generations only breeds listed in section I above shall be registered on the Supplementary Register.

Green or Odd-Eyed Oriental Whites which have in their pedigrees within the preceding four generations only breeds listed in section I and where the line of descent from any silver or bicolour cat is broken by a non-white cat shall be registered on the Supplementary Register. Blue-Eyed Oriental Whites which have been genetically tested not to be homozygous for Siamese colour restriction, which have in their pedigrees within the preceding four generations only breeds listed in section I and where the line of descent from any silver or bicolour cat is broken by a non-white cat shall be registered on the Supplementary Register.

3. REFERENCE REGISTER - I

Oriental Shorthairs 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 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

Oriental Whites which have in their pedigrees within the preceding four generations only breeds listed in section I but do not satisfy the criteria for registration on the Supplementary Register shall be registered on the Reference Register.

5. REFERENCE REGISTER - III

Cats of Oriental Shorthair appearance produced from matings to other recognised breeds whose Registration Policies permit Oriental Shorthairs 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 Shorthairs.

Any other cat of Oriental Shorthair appearance one of whose parents is of a breed not listed in section I above, or any cat of Oriental Shorthair 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 "SH 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: In the case of cats imported onto the GCCF register, no cat with an Oriental Longhair, Oriental Longhair Variant, Balinese, Balinese Variant or Oriental Bicolour Longhair within four generations may be registered as an Oriental Shorthair unless it is shown by genetic testing to be free of any FGF5 mutation.

N.B. This ruling shall take effect from 26th April 1989, amended February 2020 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 Register. From 26th April 1989, amended February 2020 any kittens born from parents of any breed not listed in section I above shall be registered as defined above.