

Ocicat Registration Policy

BREEDS PERMITTED IN OCICAT PEDIGREES

A: Ocicats: breeds 73, 73a, 73b, 73c, 73k, 73r, 73s, 73as, 73bs, 73cs, 73ks, 73rs.

B: Ocicat Classic: breeds 73 41, 73 41a, 73 41b, 73 41c, 73 41k, 73 41r, 73 41s, 73 41as, 73 41bs, 73 41cs, 73 41ks, 73 41rs.

C: Ocicat Variants (Ocicats of unrecognised colours or patterns), which are bred from Ocicat or Ocicat Variant parents or from Ocicat x Abyssinian matings. These are self cats, smoke cats, ticked tabby cats, cats with Siamese colour restriction (Blue-Eyed Ivory), cats with Burmese colour restriction (Ivory- Burmese Coat Pattern) or cats with Tonkinese colour restriction (Ivory- Darker points).

D: Abyssinians of breeds 23, 23a, 23b, 23c, 23d, 23e, 23s, 23as, 23bs, 23cs, 23ds, 23es only.

NB: sex-linked colours are excluded.

Any Abyssinians used for outcrossing must have tested (clear) for Pyruvate Kinase (PK) deficiency, or be deemed normal (clear) due to testing of cats on every pedigree line in previous generations. Pedigree line in this case refers to both parents, or four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, sixteen great-great-grandparents and so on, or any combination of the same which is inclusive of both the sire's and dam's ancestors.

FULL REGISTER

Ocicats with Full or Provisional recognition which have in their pedigrees within the preceding four generations only Ocicats (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 with Preliminary recognition.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTER

Ocicats with Full or Provisional recognition which have in their pedigrees within the preceding five generations only Ocicats, Ocicat Classics and Ocicat Variants (as listed in A, B and C above), or Abyssinians (as listed in D above and deemed normal (clear) for PK deficiency) shall be registered on the Supplementary Register.

Ocicats with a parent which is registered as Ocicat Classic shall have their registration certificate overstamped "carries the classic pattern allele". The registration certificates of subsequent spotted offspring of such cats will be overstamped "may carry the classic pattern allele", unless cleared by test mating.

Ocicats with a parent which is registered as Ocicat (Self or Smoke) shall have their registration certificate overstamped "carries the non-agouti allele". The registration certificates of subsequent spotted agouti offspring of such cats will be overstamped "may carry the non-agouti allele", unless cleared by genetic test.

Ocicats with a parent which is registered as Ocicat (Blue-Eyed Ivory) shall have their registration certificate overstamped "carries the Siamese allele". The registration certificates of subsequent full coloured spotted offspring of such cats will be overstamped "may carry the Siamese allele", unless cleared by genetic test.

Ocicats with a parent which is registered as Ocicat (Ivory- Burmese Coat Pattern) shall have their registration certificate overstamped "carries the Burmese allele". The registration certificates of subsequent full coloured spotted offspring of such cats will be overstamped "may carry the Burmese allele", unless cleared by genetic test.

Ocicats with a parent which is registered as Ocicat (Ivory- Darker Points) shall have their registration certificate overstamped "carries either the Siamese or the Burmese allele", unless clarified by genetic test whereby the over stamping will either be changed to "carries the Siamese allele" or "carries the Burmese allele" according to the result of the test.

The registration certificates of full coloured spotted cats with a parent whose registration is overstamped "carries either the Siamese or the Burmese allele" will be overstamped "may carry either the Siamese or the Burmese allele", unless clarified or cleared by genetic test whereby the over stamping will either be changed to "carries the Siamese allele" or "carries the Burmese allele" or removed entirely according to the result of the test.

The registration certificates of full coloured spotted cats with a parent whose registration is overstamped "carries the Siamese allele" will be overstamped "may carry the Siamese allele", unless cleared by genetic test. The registration certificates of full coloured cats with a parent whose registration is overstamped "carries the Burmese allele" will be overstamped "may carry the Burmese allele", unless cleared by genetic test.

The full coloured spotted offspring of two Ocicat parents, one which has their registration certificate overstamped "carries the Siamese allele" or "may carry the Siamese allele", and the other has their registration certificate overstamped "carries the Burmese allele" or "may carry the Burmese allele" will be overstamped "may carry either the Siamese or the Burmese allele", unless clarified or cleared by genetic test.

EXPERIMENTAL REGISTER

Ocicats with Preliminary recognition which have in their pedigrees within the preceding five generations only Ocicats, Ocicat Classics and Ocicat Variants (as listed in A, B and C above), or Abyssinians (as listed in D above and deemed normal (clear) for PK deficiency) shall be registered on the Experimental Register.

REFERENCE REGISTER 1:

Ocicat Variants

The progeny of an Ocicat x Abyssinian mating (deemed normal (clear) for PK deficiency and excluding sex-linked colours), shall be registered on the Reference Register as an Ocicat Variant.

The spotted progeny of an Ocicat Variant x Ocicat mating shall be registered on the appropriate Register as an Ocicat. When registering such a cat, the breeder shall supply a copy of the pedigree and request that the cat be registered on the Supplementary, Experimental or Reference Register as appropriate.

The non spotted progeny of an Ocicat Variant x Ocicat mating shall be registered on the Reference Register as an Ocicat Variant with the exception of Ocicat Classics which will be registered according to their registration policy.

The spotted progeny of an Ocicat Variant x Ocicat mating shall be registered on the appropriate Register as an Ocicat. When registering such a cat, the breeder shall supply a copy of the pedigree and request that the cat be registered on the Supplementary, Experimental or Reference Register as appropriate.

REFERENCE REGISTER 2:

Ocicats of unrecognised colours/patterns

Ocicats of colours and/or patterns which do not yet have Preliminary recognition but which have in their pedigrees within the preceding five generations only Ocicats, Ocicat Classics, Ocicat Variants or Abyssinians (deemed normal (clear) for PK deficiency) shall be registered on the Reference Register, but shall be eligible to be considered as registered on the Experimental Register in the event of Preliminary recognition of their breed.

REFERENCE REGISTER 3:

All progeny of Variant x Variant matings will be registered on the Reference Register as 'no recognised breed' with no progression .

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

All other cats of Ocicat appearance which in their pedigrees within the preceding five generations have any breeds other than Ocicats or Abyssinians shall be registered on the Reference Register as 'no recognised breed' with no progression.

* Breeders wishing to prove their cats clear of carrying recessive colour/pattern genes, must present for testing only cats uniquely identifiable by microchip or tattoo, the number of which must be noted on the cat's own veterinary records. This number must be submitted to the laboratory performing the test, and to GCCF when requesting register, transfer or removal/amendment of over stamping.

RATIONALE

Section B changed to list the allowed Ocicat Classic breeds:

As the Ocicat Classic is progressing as a separate breed these should be listed fully

Additional cats in Section C (was section B):

Self cats and ticked cats may also occur in Ocicat litters and should be included here.

Overstamping:

By making use of the overstamping facility, breeders would know which cats carry, or are likely to carry, various recessive genes, and could more easily make choices regarding which cats to use in their breeding programmes.

The registration with overstamping of the AOC Eyed Ivories has been clarified. It should be noted that unlike the Blue Eyed Ivories their occurrence is very rare.

Identification:

Microchipping is universally acknowledged as a means of positive identification of individual animals. Linking this to genetic testing makes it more difficult to falsify results.