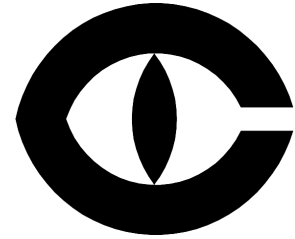


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## IMPORTING AND EXPORTING PEDIGREE CATS

### IMPORTING CATS INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM

In order to register an imported cat with the GCCF, the following documents will be required together with the appropriate fee:-

- (a) normal fee **£55**
- (b) **£27.50** if **one** parent is already GCCF registered
- (c) **£18** if **both** parents are already GCCF registered.

#### PLUS

1. A completed GCCF Registration Application form, (available from the GCCF Office or can be printed from the GCCF website).
2. A Certified Pedigree, from a **bona fide** overseas cat registering organisation, showing at least 4 generations or more if required by the current GCCF Registration Policy for that breed. This must show names, registration numbers and breed colours for all the required generations. This must be an original Certified Pedigree - a photocopy is not acceptable. Please ensure that the number of generations on the pedigree is correct as this could delay processing.  
**Note:** An Original Certified Pedigree is required (a photocopy is not acceptable) and will be returned when the registration is complete, the GCCF will keep copies.
3. A completed Certificate of Entirety if the cat is **Male**, which must be signed by a Veterinary Surgeon. A blank form is available on the GCCF website and can be printed for your use or a letter can be obtained from your Veterinary Surgeon but must state that "at the time of examination the cat (name, breed and colour) had two testicles of normal size and texture correctly positioned within the scrotum". For **Male** neuters, a Certificate of Neutering will be acceptable instead of a Certificate of Entirety.  
**Note:** An English translation may be required.

**All the above information is required PLUS 4, 5, 6 or 7 as appropriate.**

4. For cats entering England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands under Quarantine regulations, a copy of the clearance papers supplied when the cat leaves Quarantine, importation/quarantine certification as currently required by DEFRA, together with the microchip number.
5. For cats entering England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands under the Balai Directive, a copy of the letter supplied by DEFRA confirming the blood test of the imported cat, importation papers as currently required by DEFRA, together with the microchip number.
6. For cats entering England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands under the Pet Passport Scheme, copies of all clearance papers are required including the Health Certificate, Rabies clearance, Endoparasite and Ectoparasite clearance, together with the microchip number.

7. **For cats entering the UK for showing purposes only**, a 4 generation Certified Pedigree, or more if required by the current GCCF Registration Policy for that breed (see paragraph 2, above), microchip number, a Certificate of Entirety if the cat is **Male** (see paragraph 3, above) (this is required because **Monorchid** or **Cryptorchid** adult males are **not eligible** to be shown at **GCCF shows**), together with a letter stating the reason for registering with the GCCF i.e. wishing to show at GCCF shows.

**N.B. From 21.6.95 no imported Burmese nor their progeny shall be registered with a GCCF Burmese breed number.**

## **EXPORTING CATS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM**

The GCCF's requirements for exporting cats are:

1. An Application for the Transfer of Ownership together with a fee of £12 (GCCF Rules, Section 1, Rule 10c). Transfer Applications may be signed by the present registered owner on behalf of the new owner who is resident abroad.
2. A completed Certificate of Entirety if the cat is **Male**, which must be signed by a Veterinary Surgeon. A blank form is available on the GCCF website and can be printed for your use or a letter can be obtained from your Veterinary Surgeon but must state that "at the time of examination the cat (name, breed and colour) had two testicles of normal size and texture correctly positioned within the scrotum". For **Male** neuters, a Certificate of Neutering will be acceptable instead of a Certificate of Entirety
3. A Certified Pedigree may be required if the new owner wishes to register the cat with an overseas registering organisation in the country concerned, so please check with the new owner to see how many generations are required. (GCCF Rules, Section 1, Rule 10c). If a GCCF Certified Pedigree for an exported cat includes an imported cat, a copy of the Certified Pedigree of the imported cat is attached to the GCCF Certified Pedigree for the exported cat.
4. If you would like the Certified Pedigree and the Transfer Certificate returned to you, a letter requesting this must accompany the application.
5. If a Certified Pedigree is for your own personal use, please indicate this when requesting the Certified Pedigree. This will avoid delay caused by the GCCF Office unnecessarily requesting the Application for the Transfer of Ownership.

To apply for a Certified Pedigree, please send the appropriate fee:

**3 generations £15**

**4 generations £28**

**5 generations £36**

and the above mentioned documents.

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Please consult a Veterinary Surgeon or DEFRA, the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs for advice on import or export regulations.

Please send all the necessary documents and fees to

**The GCCF Office, 5 King's Castle Business Park, The Drove, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 4AG.**

If you have any queries, please write, email, [info@gccfcats.org](mailto:info@gccfcats.org) or telephone: **01278 427575**.