

# THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY

## NOTES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A PREFIX

(Please keep these notes for your reference)

### FILLING IN THE APPLICATION FORM *(Please read very carefully)*

1. An applicant for a prefix must be a **member of at least one GCCF Affiliated Cat Club**. This applies to **each applicant in the case of joint applications**. (Membership of a Pre-Affiliated Club is not applicable)  
N.B. Club Lists are available from the GCCF Office, 5 King's Castle Business Park, The Drove, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4AG
2. Your membership of a GCCF Affiliated Cat Club must be certified by the Club's Secretary in the space provided. (Some Clubs require you to be a member for one year before certifying a prefix application form)
3. **The Prefix**
  - (a) You are particularly requested to give a **minimum choice of four different names** in order of preference, Unnecessary delay is caused when only one name or variations of the same name are submitted and rejected. Please avoid putting in choices that you will not like just to fill in the spaces, as one of these may be approved.
  - (b) **Only one word** is allowed for a prefix - no hyphens, apostrophes, accents, cedillas or similar symbols.
  - (c) Please remember that only 26 characters (including spaces) are allowed when registering the name of a cat or kitten and that the prefix is included in this number.
  - (d) The following will **NOT** be acceptable as prefixes:
    - names suggesting that a breeder is the sole or most important breeder from a particular area
    - words bearing a close resemblance to an existing prefix
    - recognised feline titles (Champion, Premier, Supreme, International, Imperial etc)
    - any other word considered by the Executive Committee to be unsuitable
  - (e) **Applicants should ensure that they do not submit a business or trade name which might lead to legal action by the registered owner of that name**  
  
**Applicants should ensure, to the best of their knowledge, that they do not submit a word which has been registered as a prefix with another cat registering organisation by another person - do not choose one from a pedigree or from the Internet.**  
  
**The applicant shall be held responsible for any action arising from the granting of a prefix.**
  - (f) If you make a mistake in the spelling of your prefix or prefer an alternative choice, please note that this cannot be rectified once the prefix is granted.

### GENERAL POINTS TO NOTE *(Please read very carefully)*

1. Applications for the registration of cats/kittens using the requested prefix **MUST NOT** be submitted, nor must the prefix be used, **until the notification of the prefix approved has been received by the applicant**.
2. Prefixes may only be used for litters bred and registered by the prefix owner(s) and **born on or after date of receipt by the GCCF** of the correctly completed prefix application.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- (a) The breeder of a cat is the **registered owner of the dam** on the date of the cat's birth.
- (b) In the case of a **single** prefix, the dam must be registered in the ownership of the prefix holder at the time of the cat's birth.
- (c) In the case of a **joint** prefix, the dam must be registered in the joint ownership of the prefix holders at the time of the cat's birth.
- (d) Where a **jointly held** prefix is approved all cats and kittens registered under the prefix must be jointly owned. A prefix held in joint ownership cannot be used by either holder for registration in his/her name alone.

General Points to Note (continued)

- 3. A prefix cannot be added to a cat's name after date of registration.
- 4. Prefixes only but not suffixes will be granted. Suffixes already granted by the GCCF are not affected.
- 5. Prefixes are granted at the discretion of the GCCF.
- 6. **Prefix applications take approximately 16-20 weeks to be approved and notification sent to applicants.**

**FEE** £ 75.00 for single or joint application from UK resident/s  
 £100.00 for single or joint application from overseas resident/s

(The fee is to cover the process of application and copy of the GCCF Constitution, Rules, current Show List, Club Secretaries List and Breed Number List which will be sent with the official notification of successful application.)

Cheques/Money Orders/Postal Orders should be crossed and made payable to The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy. For overseas applicants a Bankers Draft in Sterling is required.

Fee, together with your completed application form, to be sent to:

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

All prefix applications are acknowledged.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES** regarding prefixes, please write to the Prefix Section at the GCCF Office (address above), or telephone 01278 427575.

If you are applying for a name which **you** have already registered as a prefix with another cat registering organisation, please indicate this after the list of names. This does **not** guarantee that the name will be granted, but will clarify the situation if the name is recognised.

In case of any query, may we suggest that you write down the prefix names for which you applied and the date you posted the application form to the GCCF:

(1) ..... (5) ..... (9) .....

(2) ..... (6) ..... (10) .....

(3) ..... (7) ..... (11) .....

(4) ..... (8) ..... (12) .....

Date Sent .....

**FOR APPLICANTS REFERENCE - NOT TO BE RETURNED TO GCCF**

**Data Protection Act** The following information taken from your application form will be listed on our computer Name, address and prefix granted with effective date

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## APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A PREFIX

**Office use only:**

Application No: ..... Batch File: ..... Further Selection: .....

**APPLICANT (1)**

Surname .....

Forenames .....

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms etc) .....

Full address .....

Post Code .....

**APPLICANT (2) (if joint prefix application)**

Surname .....

Forenames .....

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms etc) .....

Telephone No .....

**I/We acknowledge that in any matter relating to the breeding, exhibiting or treatment of cats or to any Cat Show I/we consent to be bound by and to submit to the Constitution and Rules of the Cat Fancy as the same may be amended from time to time.**

**I/We have read and understand 3(e) of the notes on filling in this form**

Signature .....  
(Applicant 1) (please sign - do not print)

Signature .....  
(Applicant 2) (please sign - do not print)

Date of Birth if under 18 .....

Name of Parent/Guardian .....  
(block capitals, please)

Signed by Parent/Guardian .....

**PREFIX to be registered** (please give names in order (BLOCK CAPITALS please) of preference)

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

(P.T.O. for additional choices)

**To be completed by your GCCF Affiliated Cat Club Secretary**

It is hereby certified that \*Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms .....

\*Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms .....

\* delete where not applicable

is a member/are members of the .....

Signed ..... (Club Secretary) Date .....

**IMPORTANT Please read** notes attached to this form and keep them for your reference  
**Please return** this application form when completed, together with fee of **£75** for UK Resident/s or **£100** for overseas resident/s, single or joint application, to:  
**GCCF, 5 King's Castle Business Park, The Drove, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4AG**

**Office use only:**

Date received by GCCF

**ADDITIONAL CHOICES OF PREFIX NAME in order of preference**

(5) ..... (9) .....

(6) ..... (10) .....

(7) ..... (11) .....

(8) ..... (12) .....