

# GCCF REGISTRATION POLICY FOR BRITISH SHORTHAIR CATS

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## GENERAL POLICY

### FULL REGISTER (CS)

British Shorthairs with Full or Provisional status which have within the preceding 3 generations only BSH of the groups listed for registration on the Full Register for that colour/pattern, excluding cats whose pedigrees include within the previous three generations a cat registered on the Reference Register.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTER (CSSR)

British Shorthairs with Full or Provisional status which have within the preceding 3 generations only BSH, British Variants or Persians of the groups listed for registration on the Supplementary Register for that colour/pattern

### EXPERIMENTAL REGISTER (CSEXP)

British Shorthairs with Preliminary status which have within the preceding 3 generations only BSH of the groups listed for registration on the Experimental Register for that colour/pattern

### REFERENCE REGISTER (CSREF)

- a. British Shorthairs where one parent or both parent(s) is (are) a BSH or British Variant allowed for registration on the Reference Register for that colour/pattern
- b. British Variants - the longhaired progeny of two BSH parents.
- c. Cinnamon Self, Fawn Self, Cinnamon Colourpointed and Fawn Colourpointed British Shorthairs which have an Oriental Cinnamon or Fawn (which is not over stamped as carrying the recessive white gene) within three generations.
- d. Blue-eyed/Odd-eyed and All White Patched BSH or Variants, without progression.
- e. Cats of BSH appearance which do not conform to this Policy shall be registered on the Reference Register as "no recognised breed". (A proposed breeding programme may be submitted to the BSGC if recognition is desired)

### General Colour Registration Restrictions

Note 1. No cat without an agouti parent (Tabby, Spotted, Tabby Colourpointed or Tipped) may be registered on any Register as a Tabby, Spotted, Tabby Colourpointed or Tipped BSH or BSH Variant.

Note 2a. Any Red or Cream BSH or BSH Variant (including Colourpointed) with an agouti parent (Tabby, Spotted, Tabby Colourpointed or Tipped) must be registered as Tabby, Spotted, Tabby Colourpointed or Tipped on the relevant register until proved otherwise by test mating or DNA testing.

Note 2b. Because of the dominance of the gene involved, it is strongly advised that Ticked Tabby BSHs should NOT be mated together as continual use of such matings could lead to the ultimate elimination of the Classic and Mackerel/Spotted patterns from the breed as a whole.

Note 3. When a BSH is outcrossed to a Persian, an FAB/PKD certificate of freedom from PKD must be provided for both parents before the resulting offspring can be registered as BSH or BSH Variant on the relevant register

Note 4. A certificate of hearing must be provided for any Self White male (14, 14a, 14b) before its offspring can be registered as BSH or BSH Variant on the relevant register.

Note 5. Blue-eyed/Odd-eyed and All White Van BSH or Variants are not acceptable as parents for any colour / pattern of BSH

Note 6. Existing Cinnamon SH Variants are acceptable as parents only for Cinnamon or Fawn Series cats.

Note 7. Any non-pointed offspring with a Colourpointed BSH parent shall be over stamped "carries Colourpointed". Its offspring shall be over stamped "may carry Colourpointed" unless cleared by test mating or DNA testing.

Note 8a. Any Self or Tortie BSH cat with a Colourpointed BSH Parent will be registered on the Supplementary and Non-Active Registers or, if the application is for registration on the Active Register, the cat shall also be placed on the Genetic Register.

Colourpointed offspring of these cats on the Genetic Register may be registered in the normal way.

Any Self or Tortie BSH offspring of these cats shall continue to be registered on the Non-Active or Genetic Registers (as above) unless accompanied by a DNA test showing that this specific offspring does not carry the Siamese gene, when they may be registered on the Active Register without restriction.

Note 8b. Any Self BSH cat with a Silver BSH Parent will be registered on the Reference Register unless a request to register on the Supplementary and Non-Active Registers accompanies the registration application.

Note 9. Registration of the following other patterns of Cinnamon and Fawn BSH cats with breed numbers was agreed by the Executive Committee in November 2006 :-

(in SOP order) Silver Tabby (18k,18r), Non-Silver Tabby (20k,20r), Spotted (30k,30r), Silver Spotted (30ks,30rs), Tortie Tabby (20m,20p), Tortie Silver Tabby (18m,18p), Tortie Spotted (30m,30p), Tortie Silver Spotted (30ms,30ps), Tortie (21k,21r), Tortoiseshell & White (22k,22r), Bi-colour (31k,31r), Van Pattern (31kw,31rw), Smoke (36k,36r,36m,36p), Tipped (39k,39r), Golden Tipped (75k,75r), Tortie Colourpointed (40 22, 40 31), Tabby Colourpointed (40 23, 40 30), Tortie Tabby Colourpointed (40 24, 40 32), Smoke Pointed Colourpointed (40 23s, 40 29s), Tortie Smoke Colourpointed (40 22s, 40 31s), Silver Tabby Colourpointed (40 23s, 40 30s) and Tortie Silver Tabby Colourpointed (40 24s, 40 32s).

#### SELF, TORTIE AND BI-COLOUR BREEDS

Colour/ Pattern of British Shorthair to be Registered	Colours and Patterns of Acceptable Parents for Full or Experimental Register	<b>ADDITIONAL</b> Colours and Patterns of acceptable parents for Supplementary and Experimental Register	<b>ADDITIONAL</b> Colours and Patterns of Parents for Reference Register
White Self	AC Self BSH AC Tortie BSH		Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH AC Self or Tortie BSH Variant * see Notes 4,5 & 6
Black, Blue, Chocolate or Lilac Self	AC Self BSH AC Tortie BSH AC Bi-colour or Tortie & Wh (inc Van) BSH	AC Non-silver Tabby BSH AC Non-Silver Spotted BSH Golden Tipped BSH  A Non-Silver Colourpointed BSH parent is acceptable for registrations on the Non-Active Register or the Active and Genetic Registers (see note 8a)  The following parents are acceptable only if accompanied by a request for Non-Active registration of the progeny - AC Silver Tabby, Spotted, Tipped, Smoke BSH	AC Silver Tabby, Spotted, Tipped, Smoke or Silver Colourpointed BSH (unless accompanied by request Non-Active registration of the progeny on the Supplementary Register) Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH  AC Self, Tortie, Bicolour or Tor & Wh (inc Van) BSH Variant * see Notes 5 & 6
Red or Cream Self	AC Self BSH AC Tortie BSH AC Bi-colour or Tortie & Wh (inc Van) BSH	A Non-Silver Colourpointed BSH parent is acceptable for registrations on the Non-Active Register or the Active and Genetic Registers (see note 8a)  The following parents are acceptable only if accompanied by a request for Non-Active registration of the progeny - AC Smoke or Non-Tabby Colourpointed BSH	AC Smoke or Non-Tabby Colourpointed BSH (unless accompanied by request for Non-Active registration of the progeny on the Supplementary Register)  Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH  AC Self, Tortie, Bicolour or Tor & Wh (inc Van) BSH Variant * see Notes 2, 5 & 6
Cinnamon or Fawn Self	AC Self BSH AC Tortie BSH AC Bi-colour or Tortie & Wh (inc Van) BSH	AC Non-silver Tabby BSH AC Non-Silver Spotted BSH Golden Tipped BSH AC Cinnamon SH Variant AC Non-Silver Colourpointed (to be reviewed when CH status is applied for)  The following parents are acceptable only if accompanied by a request for Non-Active registration of the progeny - AC Silver Tabby, Spotted, Tipped, Smoke or Silver Colourpointed BSH	AC Silver Tabby, Spotted, Tipped, Smoke or Colourpointed BSH (unless accompanied by request for Non-Active registration of the progeny on the Supplementary Register)  Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH  AC Self, Tortie, Bicolour or Tor & Wh (inc Van) BSH Variant * see Note 5

Tortie (all colours)	AC Self BSH AC Tortie BSH AC Bi-colour or Tortie & Wh BSH (inc Van) BSH	AC Non-silver Tabby BSH AC Non-Silver Spotted BSH Golden Tipped BSH  A Non-Silver Colourpointed BSH parent is acceptable for registrations on the Non-Active Register or the Active and genetic Registers (see note 8a)  The following parents are acceptable only if accompanied by a request for Non-Active registration of the progeny - AC Silver Tabby, Spotted, Tipped, Smoke or Colourpointed BSH	AC Silver Tabby, Spotted, Tipped, Smoke or Colourpointed BSH (unless accompanied by request for Non-Active registration of the progeny on the Supplementary Register)  Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH  AC Self, Tortie, Bicolour or Tor & Wh (inc Van) BSH Variant * see Notes 5 & 6
Bi-colour  Tortie & White  Van Pattern Bi-colour and Tortie and White	AC Self BSH (excl White) AC Tortie BSH AC Bi-colour or Tortie & Wh BSH AC Van pattern Bi-colour or Tortie & Wh BSH		Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH  AC Self, Tortie (inc Van), Tortie & Wh (inc Van) BSH Variant * see Notes 5 & 6

#### OTHER PATTERNS

Colour/ Pattern of British Shorthair to be Registered	Colours and Patterns of parent for Full or Experimental Register	<b>ADDITIONAL</b> Colours and Patterns of parents for Supplementary or Experimental Register	<b>ADDITIONAL</b> Colours and Patterns of parents for Reference Register
Silver Tabby Silver Spotted (All colours)	AC Silver Tabby BSH AC Silver Spotted BSH AC Smoke BSH	AC Non-Silver Tabby AC Non-Silver Spotted AC Self (excl White) or Tortie BSH	Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH  AC Silver Tabby or Spotted BSH Variant * see Notes 1, 2, 5 & 6
Non-Silver Tabby Non-Silver Spotted (All colours)	AC Non-Silver Tabby AC Non-Silver Spotted	AC Self (excl White) or Tortie BSH AC Silver Tabby or Spotted BSH AC Smoke BSH	Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH  AC Non-silver Tabby or Spotted Variant * see Notes 1, 2, 5 & 6
Non-Silver Ticked Tabby (All colours)	AC Non-Silver Ticked Tabby AC Non-Silver Classic/Mackerel Tabby or Spotted BSH	AC Silver Ticked, Classic Tabby or Spotted BSH  AC Self (excl White) or Tortie BSH AC Smoke BSH	Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH  AC Non-silver Classic/Mackerel, Spotted or Ticked Tabby BSH Variant * see Notes 1, 2, 5 & 6
Silver Ticked Tabby (All colours)	AC Silver Ticked Tabby BSH AC Silver Classic/Mackerel Tabby or Spotted BSH AC Smoke BSH	AC Non-Silver Ticked Tabby BSH AC Non-Silver Classic / Mackerel Tabby or Spotted BSH AC Self (excl White) or Tortie BSH	Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH AC Silver Classic/Mackerel, Spotted or Ticked Tabby BSH Variant * see Notes 1, 2, 5 & 6
Smoke	AC Smoke AC Self BSH (excl White) AC Tortie BSH	AC Silver Tabby or Spotted BSH AC Non-Silver Tabby or Spotted BSH AC Tipped or Golden BSH	Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH  AC Smoke BSH Variant * see Notes 5 & 6

Tipped Golden Tipped	Tipped BSH Golden BSH	AC Tabby or Spotted BSH AC Smoke BSH AC Self (excl White) or Tortie BSH  Chinchilla or Golden Persian (for 3 yrs from Oct 2006)	Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH  AC Tipped BSH Variant See Notes 1,2, 5 & 6
Colourpointed - Non-Silver Series (excl Cinn or Fawn Pt)	Non-Silver Colourpointed BSH	AC Self BSH (excl White) AC Tortie BSH AC Non-silver Tabby or Spotted BSH The following parents are acceptable only is accompanied by a request for Non-Active Registration of the progeny - Any Non-Silver Colourpointed & White BSH	Any Silver Colourpointed & White BSH (unless accompanied by a request for Non-Active Registration of the progeny on the Supplementary Register)  Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH  AC Non-silver Cptd BSH Variant * see Notes 1,2, 5 & 6
Cinnamon and Fawn Colourpointed	Non-Silver Colourpointed BSH	AC Self BSH (excl White) AC Tortie BSH AC Non-silver Tabby or Spotted BSH  The following parents are acceptable only is accompanied by a request for Non-Active Registration of the progeny - Any Non-Silver Colourpointed & White BSH  AC Cinnamon SH Variant	Any Silver Colourpointed & White BSH (unless accompanied by a request for Non-Active Registration of the progeny on the Supplementary Register)  Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH  Cinn or Fawn Cptd BSH Variant * see Notes 5
Colourpointed - Silver Series	Silver Colourpointed BSH	Non-Silver Colourpointed  The following parents are acceptable only is accompanied by a request for Non-Active Registration of the progeny - Any Non-Silver Colourpointed & White BSH	Any Silver Colourpointed & White BSH (unless accompanied by a request for Non-Active Registration of the progeny on the Supplementary Register)  Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH  AC Silver Cptd BSH Variant * see Notes 1,2, 5 & 6
Colourpointed & White (any colour)	AC Non-Silver Colourpointed & White BSH  AC Non-Silver Colourpointed BSH	AC Self BSH (excl White) AC Tortie BSH AC Bi-Colour BSH AC Tortie & White BSH AC Non-silver Tabby or Spotted BSH	AC Colourpointed or Colourpointed & White BSH Variant  Any other Recognised Colour or Pattern of BSH
Silver Colourpointed & White (any Colour)	AC Silver Colourpointed & White BSH  AC Silver Colourpointed BSH	AC Non-Silver Colourpointed & White BSH AC Non-Silver Colourpointed BSH AC Silver Tabby or Spotted BSH AC Tortie & White BSH AC Bicolour BSH	AC Colourpointed or Colourpointed & White BSH Variant  Any other Recognised Colour or Pattern of BSH

(For guidance notes see next page)

British Registration policy - additional explanatory notes for breeders.

The Registration Policy determines how any British Shorthair cat shall be registered on the GCCF Registers depending on its parentage. Its purpose is to guide breeding within guidelines that ensure the accurate continuity of colour and pattern and the avoidance of unexpected problems caused by the "carrying" of recessive characteristics (e.g. white patching appearing on siamese pattern cats, the blurring of tabby patterns due to the presence of the wide band gene from tipped cats).

The first page describes the normal GCCF registers and how the cat will be registered depending upon the registers on which the parents are registered.

The subsequent pages describe the desirable / allowable colours / patterns of those parents. The most desirable parents are listed in the second column and offspring of these combinations will be registered on the Full Register (provided their general background permits this). Additional slightly less advantageous, but allowable, colour / pattern matings are shown in the third column and will result in registration on the Supplementary Register. Colours / patterns which should NOT be used as parents are shown in the fourth column. (Experienced breeders may use these matings for specific purposes but need to be aware that they will need to breed back to acceptable cats until the fourth generation can return to the Supplementary Register)

To determine how any given cat will be registered :-

- (a) first find the colour and /or pattern of cat expected in column 1 of the colour / pattern chart.
- b) look up the desirable colour / patterns for parents in column 2 or the alternative additional parents in column 3.

(N. B. Cats in the same litter, if different in colour or pattern, may be registered on different registers dependent upon the colour / pattern of the parents.)

If both parents are registered as British Shorthairs on the Full, Supplementary or Experimental Registers and the colours / patterns of the parents are both allowed as parents for the cat to be registered (i.e. is shown in either column 2 or 3), then the cat will be registered on either the Full, Supplementary or Experimental Register as appropriate (as described on page one) and may be shown and bred from.

If either or both parents is a colour / pattern that appears in column 4, the cat will be registered on the Reference Register and, whilst being available for onward breeding in a controlled breeding programme, cannot itself be shown.

If cat registered on the Reference Register is used in a breeding programme by mating back to suitable colours / patterns of non-Reference Register British Shorthairs, the fourth generation will be registered on the Supplementary or Experimental Register as appropriate.

The same progression from Supplementary to Full Register applies but there is no practical difference between cats on either of these registers. Supplementary registration indicates a slightly more varied, but approved, background to the pedigree when compared to Full Register registration.

Cats with colours / patterns which have only Preliminary Recognition are registered on the Experimental Register are only eligible for showing in Merit Assessment Classes until the breed is promoted to Provisional Status.

Cats with any other parents not shown in the chart will be registered on the Reference Register without a breed number and offspring cannot return to the main registers as British Shorthairs through any breed programme.

For further information please contact the Secretary of the British Shorthair Group Committee.