

GCCF REGISTRATION POLICY FOR ORIENTAL BICOLOUR CATS



Agreed/effective February 2006

This registration policy applies to all colours and patterns of Oriental Bicolour which are recognised at present. It shall also apply to any other colours of Oriental Bicolour which may be produced by a combination of the colour genes already recognised in Oriental Bicolours.

When breeding Oriental Bicolours 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 FABIPKD scheme or by a reliable genetic test, before being used for breeding Oriental Bicolours.

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 Bicolours 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 Bicolours, 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.

BREEDS PERMITTED IN THE PEDIGREES OF ORIENTAL BICOLOURS

A. Oriental Bicolours in all colours and patterns, full colour and pointed, and in both coat lengths.

Cats with at least one Oriental Bicolour parent but showing more or less white than required by the standard shall be registered as Oriental Bicolours. Cats displaying some white spotting but which do not have an Oriental Bicolour parent may not be registered as Oriental Bicolours.

B. The progeny of Oriental Bicolours which do not display white spotting. These cats will be registered on the Reference Register as the appropriate colour SH of Oriental type, LH of Oriental type, Siamese type or Balinese type, and may only be used for breeding Oriental Bicolours. They may not be used for breeding non-Bicolour Orientals, Siamese or Balinese.

C. Oriental SHs, Oriental LHs, Oriental LH Variants, Siamese, Balinese and Balinese Variants in all colours, including those colours not yet recognised. e.g. Smoke Point, Silver Tabby Point.

N.B. Matings between Oriental Bicolours and Foreign Whites, White Oriental LHs or White Oriental LH Variants are not permitted. The production of kittens which have both the dominant white gene and the white spotting gene is not to be encouraged since there may be an increased risk of deafness. Progeny of any such matings will be placed on the Reference Register, with no progression. Foreign Whites, White Oriental LHs and White Oriental LH Variants are, however, permitted in the pedigrees of the cats used in the breeding programme and may therefore appear in the pedigrees of Oriental Bicolours within the preceding five generations.

The pedigrees of imported cats may contain the progeny of Oriental Bicolour x White matings within the preceding five generations: provided that the imported cat itself is not White, and that neither of its parents is White, it may be registered on the appropriate register as an Oriental Bicolour.

REGISTRATION POLICY

In order to be registered as an Oriental Bicolour, a cat must have at least one Bicolour parent

1. FULL REGISTER

Oriental Bicolours with Full or Provisional recognition which have in their pedigrees within the preceding five generations only Oriental Bicolours, the non-Bicolour progeny of Oriental Bicolours, Oriental SHs, Oriental LHs, Oriental LH Variants, Siamese, Balinese and Balinese Variants (as listed in A, Band C above) will 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 and with the exception of the progeny of crosses between Oriental Bicolours and Foreign Whites, White Oriental LHs or White Oriental LH Variants.

2. SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTER

Oriental Bicolours with Full or Provisional recognition which have in their pedigrees within the preceding five generations only Oriental Bicolours, the non-Bicolour progeny of Oriental Bicolours, Oriental SHs, Oriental LHs, Oriental LH Variants, Siamese, Balinese and Balinese Variants (as listed in A, Band C above) will be registered on the Supplementary Register, with the exception of the progeny of crosses between Oriental Bicolours and Foreign Whites, White Oriental LHs or White Oriental LH Variants.

3. EXPERIMENTAL REGISTER

Oriental Bicolours with Preliminary recognition which have in their pedigrees within the preceding five generations only Oriental Bicolours, the non-Bicolour progeny of Oriental Bicolours, Oriental SHs, Oriental LHs, Oriental LH Variants, Siamese, Balinese and Balinese Variants (as listed in A, Band C above) will be registered on the Experimental Register, with the exception of the progeny of crosses between Oriental Bicolours and Foreign Whites, White Oriental LHs or White Oriental LH Variants.

4. REFERENCE REGISTER I

The non-Bicolour progeny described in B above which have in their pedigrees within the preceding five generations only Oriental Bicolours, the non-Bicolour progeny of Oriental Bicolours, Oriental SHs, Oriental LHs, Oriental LH Variants, Siamese, Balinese and Balinese Variants (as listed in A, Band C above), with the exception of the progeny of crosses between Oriental Bicolours and Foreign Whites, White Oriental LHs or White Oriental LH Variants, shall be registered on the Reference Register as the appropriate colour of SH of Oriental type, LH of Oriental type, Siamese type or Balinese type.

Oriental Bicolours of colours which do not yet have Preliminary recognition but which have in their pedigrees within the preceding five generations only Oriental Bicolours, the non-Bicolour progeny of Oriental Bicolours, Oriental SHs, Oriental LHs, Oriental LH Variants, Siamese, Balinese and Balinese Variants (as listed in A, B or C above) 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 colour.

5. REFERENCE REGISTER II

a. Progeny of matings between Oriental Bicolours and Foreign Whites, White Oriental LHs or White Oriental LH Variants shall be registered on the Reference Register as "no recognised breed" with no progression.

N.B. Imported cats may have Bicolour progeny of Oriental Bicolour x White matings in their pedigrees within the preceding five generations. Provided that the imported cat is not itself White, and that neither of its parents is White, it may be registered on the Supplementary or Experimental Register if, in all other respects, it qualifies for this register. When applying to register an Oriental Bicolour whose pedigree includes a Foreign White, White Oriental LH or White Oriental LH Variant within the preceding five generations, a copy of the pedigree must be enclosed.

b. Progeny of matings between two non-Bicolour progeny of Oriental Bicolours (see B above) shall be registered on the Reference Register as "no recognised breed" with no progression.

c. Cats of Oriental Bicolour appearance produced from matings to other recognised breeds whose Registration Policies permit Oriental Bicolours 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 Bicolours.

d. All other cats of Oriental Bicolour appearance which have in their pedigrees within the preceding five generations any breeds other than those listed in A, B or C above shall be registered on the Reference Register as "no recognised breed" and with no progression, unless accompanied by a five-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 Bicolour type".

NOTE: All Red, Cream or Apricot Oriental Bicolours with one or more Tabby Point, Tabby or Shaded parent(s) must be registered as Red, Cream or Apricot Oriental Tabby or Shaded Oriental Bicolours, or as Tabby or Shaded of Oriental etc type, until proved otherwise. They may not be registered as Selfs or Smoke Oriental Bicolours until test matings 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, Tabby or Shaded within five generations may be registered as a Red, Cream or Apricot Self or Smoke unless either

- the cat has been proved by test matings to be non-agouti, or
- there is a non-red, non-agouti cat breaking the fine descending from the Tabby Point/Oriental Tabby/Shaded, or
- a Red, Cream or Apricot cat in the line descended from the Tabby Point/Tabby/Shaded has been proved by test matings to be non-agouti.

DEAFNESS TESTING: Any blue-eyed, full coloured (i.e. not pointed) Bicolour to be registered on the Active Register must first be proved, by the BAER test, to have normal hearing. AU other blue-eyed full colour Bicolours must be registered on the Non-Active Register.

OVERSTAMPING: The shorthaired progeny of Longhaired Oriental Bicolours, Oriental LHs and Balinese shall be over stamped "carries the LH gene" and the shorthaired progeny in subsequent generations shall be over stamped "may carry the LH gene".

N.B. This ruling shall take effect from 22nd February 2006 and shall not be retrospective. All suitable offspring of two Reference Register parents shall be registered on the Experimental Register or Reference Register as appropriate. From 22nd February 2006 any kittens born from parents of any breed not listed in groups A, B OR C shall be registered as defined above.

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