

## GCCF REGISTRATION POLICY FOR SPHYNX CATS



Agreed/effective June 2006

Breeds which have been approved for use in outcrossing are: Russian Blue and Domestic Shorthair. In addition, European Shorthair and American Shorthair are permitted in the pedigrees of imported cats.

### FULL REGISTER

Sphynx with Full or Provisional recognition which have in the preceding three generations only Sphynx.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTER

Sphynx with Full or Provisional recognition which have in the preceding three generations only Sphynx or Sphynx Variants. Any Sphynx Variants appearing in the pedigree must have been bred from cats on the approved list of breeds.

### EXPERIMENTAL REGISTER

Sphynx with Preliminary recognition which have in the *preceding* three generations only Sphynx or Sphynx Variants. Any Sphynx Variants appearing in the pedigree must have been bred from cats on the approved list of breeds.

### REFERENCE REGISTER

1. Sphynx Variants produced from cats on the approved list Previously acceptable crosses to Devon Rex which helped to produce foundation stock will no longer be acceptable. Cats already being used for foundation stock with Devon Rex in their pedigrees will be placed on the appropriate register and their offspring will be eligible to progress. All other breeds are listed as non-approved.
2. Normal coated cats produced from Variant x Variant matings will have no breed number, only colour description and will be over stamped "may carry the Sphynx gene"
3. Any cat of Sphynx appearance which has in its pedigree within the preceding three generations any breed other than those listed above shall be registered on the Reference Register as no recognised breed with no progression.
4. All cats resulting from Sphynx x Devon Rex matings, registered after 21st June 2006 shall be registered on the Reference Register as no recognised breed with no progression.

### Note 1. Muscular dystrophy ("spasticity")

Muscular dystrophy ("spasticity") is known to exist in the Sphynx breed and work is progressing to identify the gene involved. When a DNA test is available, the following shall come into effect

Sphynx and Sphynx Variants may be registered on the Active Register only if they have themselves been genetically tested as normal for this gene, or their parents have been tested normal, or cats on every pedigree line in previous generations have tested normal. Pedigree line means both parents, or 4 grandparents, 8 great-grandparents, 16 great-great-grandparents and so on, or any combination of the same which is inclusive of both the sire's and dam's ancestors.

Sphynx and Sphynx Variants which have not been genetically tested or which have been genetically tested as carriers of this gene shall be registered on the Non-Active Register or the Genetic Register. Any such cats which are already registered on the Active Register shall be moved to the Genetic Register.

Offspring of cats registered on the Genetic Register may only be registered on the Active Register if *they* have themselves been genetically tested as normal for this gene.

All other offspring of cats registered on the Genetic Register shall be registered on the Non-Active Register or the Genetic Register.

**Note 2:** This Registration policy shall not be retrospective. The offspring of cats registered prior to date of recognition as Sphynx or Sphynx Variants shall be registered as directed by the Registration Policy. A Variant is a cat that is normal coated resulting from a Sphynx mating.

For further information please contact the Secretary of the Joint Rex Breed Advisory Committee