

## **Sokoke (SOK) Registration Policy**

The Sokoke breed originated from naturally occurring short haired brown tabby African feral cats in Kenya. More recently, the Snow Sokoke has also appeared in litters in Kenya.

Recognised colours for cats to be registered as Sokoke are SOK n 22 (Sokoke), and SOK n 21 33 (Snow Sokoke). These 2 specific colours are collectively referred to as Sokoke in this policy.

### **APPROVED OUTCROSSES**

Egyptian Mau (MAU n 24).

Aztec (AZT n or AZT a).

Ocicat (OCI n or OCI a).

### **Notes**

1. No cat having any cats in the previous generation (parents) with the Silver gene is permitted to be used as an outcross.
2. Cats to be used as outcrosses must be DNA tested to be free of the following
  - a. PKdef
  - b. Chocolate
  - c. Burmese Colour Restriction

### **FULL REGISTER**

Sokokes which have within the preceding three generations (i.e. parent, grandparent, great grandparent) only Sokokes and registered Foundation Sokokes. Foundation Sokoke cats are such feral cats of authenticated origin but unknown or unregistered parentage.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTER**

The following cats may be registered on the Supplementary Register :

- i) Sokokes which have within the preceding three generations Sokokes, registered Foundation Sokokes and Sokoke Variants. Only if registered Foundation Sokokes are included, then 1 or 2 generations of unknown ancestry are allowed.
- ii) Sokokes with XSH <SOK> appearing in the third generation only (great-grandparents).

### **REFERENCE REGISTER**

These cats may be registered on the Reference Register and bred from as part of a Sokoke breeding programme:

- i) Foundation Sokoke cats of authenticated origin with unknown ancestry
- ii) Sokoke variants.
- iii) Sokokes with XSH x <SOK> appearing in the first (parent) or second (grandparent) preceding generations. These second-generation progeny

from outcrosses can be registered as Sokoke, but will be on the Reference Register. They can potentially move to the Supplementary Register as per the Note below.

- iv) Kittens born from a mating between a Sokoke and an approved outcross breed, which conform to the colour/pattern requirements for Sokoke shall be registered as XSH x <SOK> as appropriate (ie. XSH n 22 <SOK> or XSH n 21 33 <SOK>).

All other cats with at least one Sokoke parent (i.e. all other possible Sokoke progeny), including those of different colours/patterns resulting from outcross matings, and those resulting from matings between Sokokes and any other breed, shall be registered on the Reference Register as 'No Recognised Breed' and may not be bred from as part of a Sokoke breeding programme.

### **Note**

In accordance with GCCF rules (12c ii), any cat with registered parents, and by the terms of this registration policy recognised to progress as a Sokoke, and reference registered accordingly, may be shown as an Adult in an 'exhibition with critique' class at a GCCF show and an application for supplementary registration made for the exhibit and its progeny if considered of a satisfactory phenotype by three Sokoke Full Judges. Once supplementary registration is confirmed, the Sokoke (and its offspring) may compete in breed and higher certificate classes at GCCF shows.

### **VARIANTS**

Self or Dilute cats are non-recognised Variants of Sokoke parentage in the following colours/patterns:

Black Self Sokoke Variant SOK nv  
Blue Sokoke Variant SOK a 22v  
Blue Snow Sokoke Variant SOK a 21 33v  
Blue Self Sokoke Variant SOK av

### **Notes**

Sokoke Kittens with a Snow Sokoke parent will be over stamped 'Carries colourpoint'. Kittens in any subsequent generation will, unless proven otherwise by DNA test, be over stamped 'May carry colourpoint'.

Sokoke/Snow Sokoke Kittens with a Sokoke variant parent will be over stamped 'Carries dilute/non-agouti' as appropriate. Kittens in any subsequent generation will, unless proven otherwise by DNA test, be over stamped 'May carry dilute/non-agouti' as appropriate.

Genetic diversity will be monitored by the BAC, who will offer advice, encouragement and support to a breeder considering an outcross mating, or the import of a Foundation cat..