

# GCCF Registration Policy For The Norwegian Forest Cat

Agreed/effective 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

## 1. FULL REGISTER

Norwegian Forest Cats with full or provisional recognition, which have in their pedigrees within five generations only Norwegian Forest Cats.

## 2. SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTER

Norwegian Forest Cats with full or provisional recognition, which have in their pedigrees only Norwegian Forest Cats for three generations.

## 3. REFERENCE REGISTER

Norwegian Forest Cats, which have in their background unregistered (1<sup>st</sup> generation NFC/Novice), cats within two generations. These cats will only be recognised, as Norwegian Forest Cats if they are imported into the United Kingdom with a certified pedigree from the country of origin.

No other cats may be registered as Norwegian Forest Cats. No outcrosses are allowed and there are no variants. However the BAC do not consider this to be an issue for the breed in the UK as a considerable number of entire NFC's from many different breeding lines have been imported from continental Europe since the mid 1980's and new lines continue to be imported today. This means that we have a constant trickle of new bloodlines broadening and strengthening the breed and the gene pool in the UK.

The following points should be noted by all breeders of Norwegian Forest Cats

1. Norwegian Forest Cats should only be bred with other Norwegian Forest Cats; there are no variants at all.
2. No colour breeding rules are stated, any listed colour can be bred with any other listed colour.

## **Genetic testing for Active Registration**

All Norwegian forest cats registered with GCCF as active for breeding must be registered on one of two registers.

- **Active**, being clear of all genetically tested diseases listed for registration,

**OR**

- **Genetic/Non-Active**, being a carrier of one or more of the genetically tested diseases listed for registration.

Any cat tested as Affected for one or more of the genetically tested diseases listed for registration, cannot be registered as active, and should be neutered.

List of the genetically tested diseases required for registration on an active register:

1. Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (PKDef)
2. Glycogen Storage Disease (GSD IV)

## 1. Pyruvate Deficiency (PKDef) Testing Scheme

All Norwegian Forest Cats registered with the GCCF from 01/06/2021 may be registered on the Active Register, at the breeder's request, only if:

### A. ACTIVE REGISTER

1. They have themselves been tested normal for PKDef. Veterinary Certification of test results is required\*.

**OR**

2. Both parents have been tested normal as in A1. Veterinary Certification of test results is required\*.

**OR**

3. They are from parents deemed normal because of the results from the testing, as A1 of cats on every pedigree line in previous generations. Pedigree line in this case refers to 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.

**Note: Condition 3 applies when the ancestors are recorded on the GCCF computer. Imports onto the register must comply with either 1 or 2. The submission of the test certificate(s) is required with the application for registration, or the import will be registered as at B2.**

### B. GENETIC REGISTER

1. Norwegian Forest cats which have been genetically tested as carriers of PKDef shall be registered on the Genetic Register, or on the Non-Active Register if so requested by the breeder.
2. Norwegian Forest cats which are not eligible for registration on the Active Register shall be registered on the Genetic Register, or on the Non-Active Register if so requested by the breeder.
3. Offspring of cats registered on the Genetic Register may only be registered on the Active Register if they have themselves been tested genetically tested as normal for PKDef\*.
4. All other offspring of cats registered on the Genetic Register shall be registered on the Genetic Register, or on the Non-Active Register if so requested by the breeder.

\* Breeders who wish to prove their cats clear of carrying hereditary disease, must have cats that are uniquely identifiable at the time of testing by microchip or tattoo; the number of which is confirmed by the veterinary surgeon at the time of sampling and this number must be submitted to the laboratory performing the test. This unique identifier number must also be sent to GCCF when requesting register, transfer or removal of over stamping.

## 2. Glycogen Storage Disease (GSD IV) Testing Scheme

All Norwegian Forest Cats registered with the GCCF from 01/06/2021 may be registered on the Active Register, at the breeder's request, only if:

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**OR**

2. Both parents have been tested normal as in A1. Veterinary Certification of test results is required\*.

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3. They are from parents deemed normal because of the results from the testing, as A1 of cats on every pedigree line in previous generations. Pedigree line in this case refers to 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.

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