Sphynx Breed Advisory Committee

Sphynx Registration Policy

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. All other breeds are listed as non-approved.

Note 1:
If a domestic shorthair is used as an outcross it should be microchipped and GCCF registered. If any DNA testing has been undertaken the results may be recorded with its registration details.

Note 2:
Previously acceptable crosses to Devon Rex which helped to produce foundation stock are no longer acceptable. Cats already being used for foundation stock with Devon Rex in their pedigrees will remain on the appropriate register and their offspring shall be eligible to progress.

Full Register

Sphynx which have in the preceding three generations only Sphynx.

Supplementary Register

Sphynx which have in the preceding three generations only Sphynx, or Sphynx Variants, Russian Blue, American Shorthair, European Shorthair and/or GCCF registered Domestic Shorthair.

Note:
GCCF registered Domestic Shorthairs can only appear in the third generation (great grandparent) of cats on the supplementary register.

Reference Register

1. Sphynx Variants which have in the preceding three generation only Sphynx, Sphynx Variants, Russian Blue, American Shorthair, European Shorthair and/or GCCF registered Domestic Shorthair and the unregistered or unknown ancestors of GCCF registered Domestic Shorthairs.

2. Sphynx which have unregistered or unknown ancestors of GCCF registered Domestic Shorthairs appearing in the second or third preceding generations shall be registered on the Reference Register.

3. Normal coated cats produced from Variant x Variant matings will have no breed number, only colour description and will be overstamped “may carry the Sphynx gene”, unless otherwise proven by DNA test as an HR carrier when the cat shall be registered as a Sphynx Variant if complying in all other respects with reference register clause 1.

4. Any cat of Sphynx or Sphynx Variant appearance which has in its pedigree within three preceding generations any breed other than those listed above shall be registered on the reference register as no recognised breed with no progression.

Note 1:
Congenital Myasthenic Syndrome (CMS) (Previously referred to as Muscular Dystrophy, Myopathy or Spasticity)
Sphynx and Sphynx Variants may be registered on the Active Register with effect from [date of approval] only if they have themselves been genetically tested as normal for the CMS gene, or their parents have been tested normal, or cats on every pedigree line in previous generations have tested normal.

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Pedigree line means both parents and four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, sixteen 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
In accordance with GCCF Rules, Section 1, rule 1g, before the registration of any white Sphynx or white Sphynx Variant, on the active register a BAER or OAE certificate of freedom from deafness for the cat to be registered must be supplied to the GCCF. For identification purposes cats must be microchipped prior to testing.

NOTE 3
All DNA samples for testing for genetic diseases with the results to be submitted in support of registrations must be taken and certified by a vet. For identification purposes cats must be microchipped prior to testing and the number clearly shown on all documentation and the cat’s own veterinary record.