

GCCF REGISTRATION POLICY FOR BURMESE CATS

(January 2013 Revision)

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The Burmese is a non-agouti cat of Burmese Colour Restriction in the following ten recognised colours: Brown, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Red, Cream, Brown Tortie, Blue Tortie, Chocolate Tortie and Lilac Tortie.

When breeding Burmese every effort should be made to select healthy cats to breed from, free from any hereditary diseases. The genetic diversity of the Burmese gene-pool within UK is limited and shrinking, and would benefit from the introduction of new and diverse genes via the importation of new blood-lines from abroad

BURMESE IMPORTED FROM ANOTHER REGISTRY

All Burmese imported onto the GCCF register from other registries must be micro-chipped and must have been DNA tested to show they are clear of all the following genetic anomalies. A Veterinary Certificate of the test results is required*:

Hypokalaemic Polymyopathy

Burmese Head Defect (Burmese Congenital Craniofacial defect)

Burmese GM2 Gangliosidosis

They must also be DNA tested to show they do not carry the Cinnamon colour gene or the Long-hair gene.

*Cats must be micro-chipped for identification purposes and swabs tested by a Vet for the Veterinary Certificate to be valid for the Active Register.

DNA testing services are available from www.vgl.ucvdavis.edu/services.index.php (all five tests) and www.langfordvets.co.uk (not Burmese Head Defect test).

To be registered on the Full Register imported Burmese must have within the preceding five generations only Burmese of the ten GCCF recognised colours.

FULL REGISTER

Burmese (colours - 27, 27a, 27b, 27c, 27d, 27e, 27f, 27g, 27h, 27j) which have within the preceding five generations only Burmese (colours 27, 27a, 27b, 27c, 27d, 27e, 27f, 27g, 27h, 27j).

REFERENCE REGISTER I

Burmese of unrecognised colours shall be registered on the Reference Register as Burmese type but shall be eligible to be considered as registered on the Experimental Register in the event of Preliminary recognition of their breed colour at the request of the Burmese BAC.

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REFERENCE REGISTER II

- a. Cats of Burmese appearance produced from matings to other recognised breeds whose Registration Policies permit Burmese as an outcross breed shall be registered as directed by the Registration Policy for the other breed, but with no reference to Burmese type, and shall not be permitted in the pedigrees of Burmese.
- b. All other cats of Burmese appearance which have in their pedigrees within the preceding five generations any cats, other than Burmese shall be registered on the Reference Register as "no recognised breed" and with no progression.

HYPOKALAEMIC POLYMYOPATHY TESTING SCHEME

ACTIVE REGISTER

The Burmese BAC strongly recommends that **all** Burmese to be used for breeding are genetically tested for Hypokalaemic Polymyopathy (HK). A kitten need not be tested if both parents have tested clear of HK.

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