

EGYPTIAN MAU REGISTRATION POLICY

CATS PERMITTED IN THE PEDIGREES OF EGYPTIAN MAUS

- A. Egyptian Maus of recognised colours:
 - Bronze – brown (black) spotted (MAU n 24)
 - Silver – black silver spotted (MAU ns 24)
 - Smoke – black smoke spotted showing underlying spotted tabby pattern (MAU ns)
- B. Egyptian Maus of unrecognised colours:
 - Black self
 - Blue spotted
 - Blue silver spotted
 - Blue smoke showing underlying spotted pattern
 - Blue self
- C. Foundation Cats – Spotted cats accepted and registered as Egyptian Maus with another bona fide registering body, but having an unregistered parent / parents

REGISTRATION

FULL REGISTER

Egyptian Maus as listed in A above, with Full or Provisional recognition, which have in their pedigrees within three generations (both their parents and the two preceding generations) only Egyptian Maus as listed in A above, shall be registered on the Full Register, with the exception of those cats whose pedigrees include within three generations a cat registered on the Experimental or Reference Register.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTER

Egyptian Maus as listed in A above, with Full or Provisional recognition, which have in their pedigrees within three generations only Egyptian Maus as listed in A and/or B above shall be registered on the Supplementary Register.

EXPERIMENTAL REGISTER

Egyptian Maus as listed in A above, with Preliminary recognition, which have in their pedigrees within three generations only Egyptian Maus as listed in A and/or B above, shall be registered on the Experimental Register.

REFERENCE REGISTER – A (ALLOWING PROGRESSION)

1. Egyptian Maus listed in B above, which do not yet have Preliminary recognition, but which have in their pedigrees within three generations only Egyptian Maus as listed in A and/or B above, shall be registered on the Reference Register, but shall be eligible to be considered as registered on the Experimental Register in the event of Preliminary recognition of their colour/pattern.
2. Egyptian Maus of colours listed in A and/or B above with foundation cats appearing within three generations of their pedigrees.

REFERENCE REGISTER – B (NO PROGRESSION ALLOWED)

1. Cats of Egyptian Mau parentage but of colours or patterns other than those listed in A or B above shall be registered on the Reference Register. They shall not be registered as Egyptian Maus and their progeny shall not be eligible to progress.
2. Cats of Egyptian Mau appearance produced from matings to other recognised breeds whose Registration Policies permit Egyptian Maus as an outcross breed shall be registered as directed by the

Registration Policy for the other breed, but with no reference to Egyptian Mau type and shall not be permitted in the pedigrees of Egyptian Maus.

3. All other cats of Egyptian Mau appearance which have in their pedigrees within the preceding three generations any cats other than those listed in A and B above shall be registered on the Reference Register as "no recognised breed" and with no progression.

NOTES

Note 1. Offspring from blue Egyptian Maus shall be over stamped "Carries the dilution gene", and subsequent generations shall be over stamped "May carry the dilution gene". Additionally, non-blue parents of blue Egyptian Maus shall be over stamped "Carries the dilution gene" and subsequent generations shall be over stamped "May carry the dilution gene".

Breeders who wish to prove their cats clear of carrying recessive colour/pattern genes MUST have cats that are uniquely identifiable at the time of testing by microchip, the number of which is noted on the cat's own veterinary records. This number must be submitted to the laboratory performing the test and to the GCCF when requesting the removal of over stamping.

Note 2. If the sire and/or dam of a litter are on the Supplementary Register but their kittens fulfil requirements for the Full Register, the breeder should request this when registering, enclosing a copy of the pedigree.

Note 3. A helpful and detailed explanation of the different GCCF Registers may be found at <http://www.gccfcats.org/registers.html>

Note 4. The Egyptian Mau BAC strongly recommends all cats used for breeding are micro-chipped.

RATIONALE BEHIND THE INCLUSION OF "FOUNDATION CATS" IN THE GCCF REGISTRATION POLICY FOR EGYPTIAN MAUS

The introduction of Egyptian Maus into the UK and the GCCF has only been possible with an enormous amount of co-operation and support from breeders in CFA, LOOF and other registration bodies in the USA and Europe. The Egyptian Mau is a minority breed, but, with the relaxation of the quarantine rules by DEFRA, it is now possible for breeders to travel to and from Europe to show, import, export and mate their cats with relative ease. Some imported Maus although they have the three generations of Mau to Mau breeding required by the current Registration Policy have foundation cats as described in List C on the fourth or subsequent generations. This is proving a problem with registration as the current GCCF Registration Policy for Egyptian Maus makes no provision for these cats. It is suggested that foundation cats within three generations would result in the imported Maus being placed on Reference Register A with progression allowed and those with such cats on the fourth or subsequent generations permitted to be registered on the Full or Supplementary Register depending whether Maus in the first three generations of the pedigree are from List A or Lists A and/or B.

It is of paramount importance, in order to ensure a wide, healthy gene pool and the continued co-operation of bona fide registration bodies, that the GCCF Egyptian Mau Registration Policy is one that is mutually acceptable. Many excellent pedigrees of Egyptian Maus from the USA and Europe include foundation cats and it is the health benefit and good breeding practice a wide gene pool provides that is of the utmost importance for maintaining the welfare of the Egyptian Mau and its future.