

Importing Cats into the United Kingdom

In order to register an imported cat with the GCCF, whether from overseas or within the UK from another registering body, the relevant documents listed below will be required, together with the appropriate fee:-

ALL IMPORTED CATS WILL REQUIRE a completed [GCCF Registration Application form](#), which can be printed from the GCCF website or is available from the GCCF Office at 5 King's Castle Business Park, The Drove, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4AG.

Certified Pedigrees – Certified pedigrees will only be accepted from **Bona Fide Registration bodies**, a list of which are given [here](#). Certified pedigrees must be ORIGINAL signed pedigrees and not copies (a photocopy is not acceptable) and will be returned when the registration is complete, the GCCF will keep copies.

All imports to the GCCF register must be microchipped and the number shown on the import's paperwork. (Rule introduced 26 June 2013)

If the registration of the cat has been **endorsed "not for breeding"** by the original registering organisation it shall be **registered on the Non-Active Register**.

PLEASE NOTE that names need to be restricted to 30 characters including spaces for the GCCF system. This means cats with names in excess of 30 characters will be truncated. Spaces can be omitted but not letters. For example:

MYFAVOURITEPUSS MR ENORMOUS WHISKERS would become MYFAVOURITEPUSS MR ENORMOUS WH or MYFAVOURITEPUSS MRENORMOUSWHIS. A space is always needed between the prefix and the name.

IF THE CAT IS NOT REGISTERED WITH ANY OTHER REGISTERING ORGANISATION AND THE PARENTS ARE NOT REGISTERED WITH THE GCCF:

It will be eligible for registration by the GCCF on receipt of the appropriate fee together with the following documentation:

1. **A 4 generation** (or more if required by the current GCCF Registration Policy for that breed) **Certified Pedigree for the parent/parents not registered with the GCCF**. The certified pedigree(s) must be in accordance with the current GCCF Registration Policy for the breed in question. If any cat in the pedigree is registered with the GCCF on the Non-Active Register, its offspring shall be considered to be unregistered unless these offspring were registered prior to the cat's transfer to the Non-Active Register.
2. **A Certificate of Entirety (COE)**, signed by a Veterinary Surgeon, must be provided for unneutered male cats, in accordance with rule **1a**, stating that 'at the time of examination the cat (name, breed, colour) had two testicles of normal size and texture correctly positioned within the scrotum'. For the COE to be valid it must carry the microchip number, which should also be entered onto the cat's veterinary record at, or prior to, the time of the examination.
Note: If the registration of a parent/parents not registered with the GCCF is endorsed "not for breeding" by another bona fide registering organisation, the cat may not be registered.

IF THE CAT IS ALREADY REGISTERED WITH ANOTHER BONA FIDE REGISTERING ORGANISATION:

It will be eligible for registration with the GCCF on receipt of the appropriate fee together with the following documentation:

1. **A Certified Pedigree**, which must be in accordance with the current GCCF Registration Policy for the breed in question. This must show names, registration numbers and breed colours for all the required generations. Please ensure that the number of generations on the pedigree is correct as this could delay processing.
2. **A Certificate of Entirety (COE)**, signed by a Veterinary Surgeon, must be provided for unneutered male cats, in accordance with rule **1a**, stating that 'at the time of examination the cat (name, breed, colour) had two testicles of normal size and texture correctly positioned within the scrotum'. For the COE to be valid it must carry the microchip number, which should also be entered onto the cat's veterinary record at, or prior to, the time of the examination.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS THE FOLLOWING ARE NEEDED AS APPROPRIATE:

For cats entering England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands **under Quarantine regulations**, a copy of the clearance papers supplied when the cat leaves Quarantine, importation/quarantine certification as currently required by DEFRA, together with the microchip number.

For cats entering England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands **under the Balai Directive**, copies of all clearance papers are required including the Health Certificate (where appropriate) as currently required by DEFRA, evidence of rabies vaccination, and the microchip number.

For cats entering England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands **under the Pet Passport Scheme**, copies of all clearance papers are required including the Health Certificate (where appropriate), evidence of rabies vaccination, and the microchip number.

For cats entering the UK for showing purposes only, a Certified Pedigree in accordance with the current GCCF Registration Policy for that breed, microchip number, a Certificate of Entirety if the cat is **Male** (required because **Monorchid** or **Cryptorchid** adult males are **not eligible** to be shown at **GCCF shows**), together with a letter stating the reason for registering with the GCCF i.e. wishing to show at GCCF shows.

N.B. From 21.6.95 no imported Burmese nor their progeny shall be registered with a GCCF Burmese breed number.

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY RECOMMENDS ALL CATS USED FOR BREEDING ARE MICROCHIPPED AND THUS IDENTIFIED ON REGISTRATION FORMS.

FEEES FOR IMPORTING CATS INTO THE GCCF:

- a) **£55** if neither parent is registered with the GCCF
- b) **£27.50** if one parent is already GCCF registered

c) **£18.00** if both parents are already GCCF registered

Exporting Cats from the United Kingdom

The GCCF's requirements for exporting cats are:

- 1 **An Application for the Transfer of Ownership** together with the correct fee (Currently £12. Fees correct at time of preparation of this advice but may change). Please check latest prices on the website above or on by calling the office on the number given above (GCCF Rules, Section 1, Rule 10c). Transfer Applications may be signed by the present registered owner on behalf of the new owner who is resident abroad.
- 2 **A completed Certificate of Entirety** if the cat is **male**, which must be signed by a Veterinary Surgeon. A blank form is available on the GCCF website and can be printed for your use or a letter can be obtained from your Veterinary Surgeon but must state that "at the time of examination the cat (name, breed and colour) had two testicles of normal size and texture correctly positioned within the scrotum". (GCCF Rules, Section 1 Rule 8d).
- 3 **A Certified Pedigree may be required** if the new owner wishes to register the cat with an overseas registering organisation in the country concerned, so please check with the new owner to see how many generations are required. (GCCF Rules, Section 1, Rule 10c). If a GCCF Certified Pedigree for an exported cat includes an imported cat, a copy of the Certified Pedigree of the imported cat is attached to the GCCF Certified Pedigree for the exported cat.
- 4 If you would like the Certified Pedigree and the Transfer Certificate returned to you, a letter requesting this must accompany the application.
- 5 If a Certified Pedigree is for your own personal use, please indicate this when requesting the Certified Pedigree. This will avoid delay caused by the GCCF Office unnecessarily requesting the Application for the Transfer of Ownership.

To apply for a Certified Pedigree, please send the above mentioned documents and the appropriate fee. Certified pedigrees are available on A3 or A4 paper and can be laminated if required. Please check latest prices on the website or by calling the office on the number given below.

Please consult a Veterinary Surgeon or the [Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs \(DEFRA\)](#) for advice on export regulations, inoculations, quarantine etc.

Please send all the necessary documents and fees to the GCCF Office, 5 King's Castle Business Park, The Drove, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4AG.

If you have any queries, please [email](#), write to the GCCF Office or telephone: +44 (0)1278 427 575

A printable information sheet is available in [.pdf format](#) for you to download and print out - you will need [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#)