

GCCF REGISTRATION POLICY FOR MANX CATS

Agreed/effective June 2013

Manx are at present recognised as Tailless Manx including (i) rumpy (MAN 51) (ii) rumpy riser (MAN 52) and also tailed/part tailed Manx including (iii) stumpy Manx (MAN 53) (iv) Tailed Manx (MAN 54). Only shorthair, tailless Manx (MAN 51, MAN 52) are currently recognised by the Standard of Points for showing purposes. Stumpy and tailed Manx are included as a vital part of the breeding programme.

Manx breeding cats must be given a health screen by a veterinary practitioner and certified free of any overt physical or health defects e.g. intestinal or neurological defects. A signed letter from the veterinarian stating that the cat is free from any overt health issues including urinary or faecal incontinence is to be submitted to the GCCF. This can be submitted with the certificate of entirety for males and a copy of the letter submitted with the kitten registration documents for females.

All white Manx used for breeding are required to take a BAER (brainstem auditory evoked response) test which is necessary to show the cat is not bilaterally or unilaterally deaf. No white Manx kittens can be registered with GCCF on the active register unless a BAER certificate of freedom from deafness is supplied. For identification purposes cats must be micro-chipped prior to testing.

FULL REGISTER

Tailless Manx (**MAN 51 & MAN 52**), offspring from Manx to Manx matings.

Stumpy Manx (**MAN 53**) offspring from Manx to Manx matings.

Tailed Manx (**MAN 54**). offspring from Manx to Manx matings.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTER

Tailless, Stumpy and Tailed Manx (MAN 51, MAN 52, MAN 53, MAN 54) offspring from Manx to Manx matings from reference register I, which conform to the standard as assessed under GCCF rule 12 c ii (see Note 1 below). Or from reference register II, but which have no British Shorthair ancestors within the previous three generations.

Note 1: In accordance with GCCF Rules, Section 1, rule 12c ii, cats (and their progeny) with registered parents who conform sufficiently to the breed phenotype, as defined by the Standard of Points, may be re-allocated to the Supplementary Register from the Reference Register and so be eligible for competition in GCCF shows. The opinion of at least three Full Judges of the breed would be required in support from occasions when the cat is shown as an adult in exhibition with critique classes.

REFERENCE REGISTER I

Tailless, Stumpy and Tailed Manx cats indigenous to the Isle of Man with unknown background (MAN 51, MAN 52, MAN 53, MAN 54). The normal three generation progression through the Registers applies unless assessed and approved for re-allocation to the Supplementary Register under GCCF rule 12 c ii (all cats of Isle of Man origin to be allocated to and remain on Reference Register I until assessment complete and clearance for reallocation given).

REFERENCE REGISTER II

Manx offspring from Manx to British Shorthair mating's. The normal three generation progression through the Registers applies.

No other cats to be registered with GEMS code MAN.

For further information please contact the Secretary of the British Shorthair Breed Advisory Committee (BSGC).