

## **GCCF REGISTRATION POLICY FOR NEBELUNG CATS**

### **FULL REGISTER**

Nebelungs with provisional or championship recognition which have only Nebelungs in their pedigrees within the three preceding generations.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTER**

Nebelungs with provisional or championship recognition which have only Nebelungs, Nebelung Variants and Russian Blues in their pedigrees within the three preceding generations.

### **EXPERIMENTAL REGISTER**

Nebelungs with preliminary recognition which have only Nebelungs, Nebelung Variants and Russian Blues in their pedigrees within three preceding generations.

### **REFERENCE REGISTER**

1. Nebelung Variants (i.e. shorthaired offspring from Nebelung x Russian Blue; Nebelung x Nebelung Variant; Nebelung Variant x Russian Blue or Nebelung Variant x Nebelung Variant matings).
2. Imported Nebelungs with "Foundation Cat" appearing within the three preceding generations of their pedigrees.
3. Nebelungs of unrecognised colours or patterns will be registered on the Reference Register with no progression.
4. The offspring of a Nebelung mated to any breed of cat not approved as an outcross in this policy will be registered on the Reference Register as "No Recognised Breed" with no breed number and no progression.
5. Any imported Nebelungs with any breed of cat not approved as an outcross in this policy appearing within the preceding three generations of their pedigrees can only be registered on the Reference Register as "No Recognised Breed" with no breed number and no progression.

### **PERMITTED OUTCROSSES**

Russian (Blue only)

### **OVERSTAMPING**

It is recommended that Nebelung Variants without a Nebelung parent are DNA tested to prove whether they carry the longhair gene. The application for registration should be accompanied by the DNA test certificate and those proven not to carry the longhair gene shall be over stamped "Does not carry longhair".

*Note: When kittens are eligible under this registration policy to be registered on a register different from that of their parent(s) this should be requested by the person registering the litter.*

It is recommended that all cats on the Active Register are micro-chipped with the number recorded on any test results and the cat's own veterinary record.

## **RATIONALE BEHIND THE PROPOSED GCCF REGISTRATION POLICY FOR NEBELUNGS**

The introduction of the Nebelung into the UK and the GCCF has only been possible with an enormous amount of co-operation and support from Nebelung breeders in LOOF and other registration bodies in Europe. The Nebelung 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.

It is of paramount importance therefore, in order to ensure a wide, healthy gene pool and the continued co-operation of the European registration bodies, that the GCCF Registration Policy is one that is acceptable to them. It is also important that the Policy is acceptable to Russian Blue breeders in the UK so they may accept a Nebelung female to their stud. It is the health benefit and good breeding practice a wide gene pool provides that is of the utmost importance to maintain for the success of the Nebelung.

From discussion with experienced breeders on the continent, it would be an absolute disaster therefore for the GCCF Nebelung Registration Policy to include Domestic Longhairs of any colour (although allowance is made for imported cats to have a "foundation cat" within three preceding generations). It would also be unwise to allow Black or White Russians as outcrosses as they are not permitted in Europe.