

## Rules for the Granting of Prefixes

- 11a.** A prefix may be issued to single or joint owners (two people) only. The copyright of the prefix is vested in the owner(s).
- 11b.** When a prefix is issued to joint owners, all rules apply to both parties. Either party may sign declarations required as part of applications or agreements in connection with the GCCF and its services with the exception of changes to the prefix ownership itself. (Amended 26.02.2014)
- 11c.** No change of title of ownership of a prefix will be granted except in exceptional circumstances and at the absolute discretion of the Board of Directors.
- 11d.** All applicants for prefixes must be members of at least one GCCF affiliated club.
- 11e.** A prefix can be used only to register cats bred and registered by the prefix owner/owners. The breeder of a cat is the registered owner of the dam on the date of the cat's birth. In the case of a joint prefix the dam must be registered in the joint ownership of the prefix holders at the time of the cat's birth. When the prefix is owned by a single owner, the dam must be owned by that single owner only to be valid for use.
- 11f.** A prefix may NOT be used until notification of approval has been received from the GCCF.
- 11g.** A prefix may be used for registration of all cats born on or after the date of receipt by the GCCF of the application for that prefix.
- 11h.** A prefix cannot be added to an existing registration.
- 11i.** Prefixes only, not suffixes, will be granted (suffixes already granted by Council are not affected by this rule).
- 11j.** Prefixes may consist of one word only and may be of any number of English letters of the alphabet and the symbols ! \* - ' (exclamation mark, asterisk, dash, apostrophe). It must be remembered that the total number of characters, including letters and/or spaces/punctuation, allowed for registration is 26, including the prefix. (Amended 27.06.20)
- 11k.** A choice of four names must be given in a prefix application.
- 11m.** The following will not be accepted as prefixes: 1. Names suggesting that a breeder is the sole or most important breeder from a particular area 2. Words bearing a close resemblance to an existing prefix (words within one letter or sounding the same are considered to bear a 'close resemblance') 3. Recognised feline titles (Champion, Premier, Supreme, International, Imperial etc) Any other word considered by the Board of Directors to be unsuitable NB Applicants should ensure that they do not submit a business or trade name which might lead to legal action by the registered owner of that name. The applicant shall be held responsible for any action arising from the granting of a prefix.
- 11n.** (Deleted 22.02.2012)
- 11p.** The granting of prefixes is at the discretion of the Board of Directors and the decision is final. (Amended 17.06.2015)
- 11r.** The issue of a prefix guarantees that the prefix word will not be used as the first word of any name registered after the date of issue of the prefix.
- 11s.** The use of a prefix shall lapse on the death of the holder and shall not be used again except within three months of the death of the holder or one month from the granting of probate of the holder's Will whichever is the later. Cats bred by the deceased may be registered under the prefix of the deceased by the Executor or Administrator.