

GCCF REGISTRATION POLICY FOR RAGDOLL CATS
Effective 24th February 2016

PERMITTED OUTCROSS BREEDS

A) Cats of Ragdoll type, but which do not conform to a recognised Ragdoll colour or pattern, bred from matings between Ragdolls and permitted outcross breeds.

B) Full Register Siamese (excluding Caramel)

Note:- no outcrossing acceptable after 23 October 2002 (or when agreed by Council)

Full Register Siamese (excluding Caramel) in the following colours: 24b and 24c.

Note: No outcrossing acceptable after 23 October 2004.

C) Persian Longhairs who have been registered on the Full & Supplementary Register where the preceding five generations did not include Silver, Shaded, Tipped, Bicolour or White.

Note:- no outcrossing acceptable after 23 October 2002. (or when agreed by Council)

Persian Longhairs in the following colours; 13b3, 13b4, 50b and 50c who have been registered on the Full & Supplementary Register where the preceding five generations did not include Silver, Shaded, Tipped, Bicolour or White.

Note: No outcrossing acceptable after 23 October 2004.

N.B. It is recommended that any Persian to be used as an outcross should be certified free of PKD under the FAB/PKD Screening Scheme.

1 . FULL REGISTER

Ragdolls with Championship or Provisional status which have only Ragdolls who have been registered on the Full or Supplementary Register in their pedigrees within the preceding five generations shall be placed on the Full Register.

2. SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTER

Ragdolls with Championship or Provisional status which have only Ragdolls in their pedigrees within the preceding five generations shall be placed on the Supplementary Register.

3. EXPERIMENTAL REGISTER

Ragdolls with Preliminary status which have only Ragdolls in their pedigrees within the preceding five generations, shall be placed on the Experimental Register.

4. REFERENCE REGISTER

a. Cats which conform to a recognised Ragdoll colour and pattern, bred from a mating between a Ragdoll and one of the permitted outcross breeds as defined in A, B or C above, shall be registered on the Reference Register as Ragdolls.

b. Cats bred from a mating between a Ragdoll and one of the permitted outcross breeds as defined in A, B or C above, but which do not conform to a recognised Ragdoll colour and pattern, shall be registered on the Reference Register as 'of Ragdoll type'.

c. Cats of Ragdoll appearance bred from any mating other than Ragdoll x Ragdoll, or Ragdoll x one of the permitted outcross breeds as defined in A, B or C above, shall be registered on the Reference Register as no recognized breed and with no progression.

NOTE : RED SERIES

All Red and Cream point Ragdolls with one or more Tabby parent(s) must be registered as Red or Cream Tabby Point until proven otherwise. Cats may not be registered as Red or Cream Point until test matings have proven them to be free of the agouti gene or they have been DNA tested and proven to be non-agouti (proof to be supplied with the registration document). Any cat DNA tested must be micro-chipped.

Note : In the case of cats imported onto the GCCF register, no cat with a Tabby Point or Tortie Tabby Point within three generations may be registered as a Red or Cream Point unless either:

a) The cat has been proved by test matings to be non-agouti, or

b) There is a non-red, non-agouti cat breaking the line descending from the Tabby Point/Tortie Tabby Point, or

c) A Red or Cream Point cat in the line descended from the Tabby Point/Tortie tabby Point has been proved by test matings to be non-agouti. No cat may be registered as a Red or Cream Tabby Point unless it has an agouti parent.

NOTE: CHOCOLATE/LILAC SERIES

Cats to be registered as either chocolate or lilac. Proof must be supplied with registration that they are the

correct colour. This is required via a DNA test unless both parents have tested and been registered as chocolate or lilac. All DNA tested cats must be micro-chipped.

HCM Testing Scheme

ALL Ragdoll cats registered for breeding from 24th February 2016 MUST be tested for the one known Ragdoll HCM gene (i.e. HCMrd: the R820W mutation in the MYBPC3 gene). The only method of testing that will be accepted is as follows; the cat is micro chipped, a swab is taken by a vet and the veterinary health certificate must state that the microchip number was verified by the vet and it must match the cat's veterinary records and vaccination card. The veterinary health certificate(DNA Test Results certificate) must also clearly show the test requested was for the known Ragdoll HCM gene. Please note cats that on the Genetic Register can still be shown and bred from. There will be no exceptions to this testing method for any breeding Ragdoll being registered from the effective date.

1. Active Register

a. all cats testing normal (clear) of the known Ragdoll HCM gene.

2. Genetic Register

a. all cats testing positive heterozygous or positive homozygous for the known Ragdoll HCM gene.

Rationale

It is unfortunate that a number of HCM tests carried out on Ragdolls have had the results invalidated. The only cases that have been discovered relate to cats who did not have the swab taken by a vet or a microchip verified (i.e. DIY testing). This method of testing was never endorsed by the Ragdoll BAC. This has resulted in kittens being born and going on to develop HCM. The overall aim of the testing scheme is to remove a potentially lethal gene from the Ragdoll gene pool to improve the overall health of the breed. After discussions with the GCCF Genetics Committee it was recommended that the existing testing scheme be stopped and a new scheme set up that requires mandatory testing for all breeding Ragdolls. This part of the registration policy will be reviewed by the Ragdoll BAC in two years after it is introduced.

NB IMPORTS (OVERSEAS AND FROM OTHER RECOGNISED REGISTERING BODIES IN THE UK)

A 5-generation certified pedigree must be provided with the application for registration of any imported Ragdoll. The pedigree of an imported Ragdoll must conform to the GCCF registration policy and no exceptions are made in the breeds or varieties permitted to be present in the pedigree.

Any application for the registration of an imported Ragdoll must be accompanied by DNA test results demonstrating that the imported cat is free from the following genetic diseases;

- Mucopolysaccharidosis VI (test currently only available at UC Davies)
- PRA (rdAC)
- HCMrd
- HCMmc
- Spinal Muscular Atrophy

The testing method must be as described above.

It is strongly recommended that anyone wishing to import a Ragdoll for registration with the GCCF consults the Ragdoll BAC for guidance prior to purchasing and/or entering into any contract to purchase a Ragdoll from overseas or from another registry within the UK.

Should any further colours of Ragdoll be developed as a breed, the appropriate cats may be registered as Ragdolls on the Experimental or Reference Register as appropriate, at the request of the Ragdoll Breed Advisory Committee. Those cats already registered on the Reference Register, but which qualify to be registered on the Experimental Register, shall then be treated as if they were registered on the Experimental Register.

For further information please contact the Secretary of the Ragdoll Breed Advisory Committee.