

REGISTRATION POLICY FOR THE OCICAT

This document should be read in conjunction with the Breeding Policy for Ocicat and Aztec cats.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE DETAILS THE REGISTRATION POLICY FOR THE OCICAT.

In the table:

- the first column lists the recognised colours for the breed group.
- the second column lists the most desirable breeds allowed in the preceding 4 generations.
- the third column shows other acceptable breeds allowed in the preceding 4 generations.
- the fourth column lists the permitted outcross and colours/patterns which are not recognised but can occur.

Colour of Ocicat to be Registered (Full Colour)	Approved breeds for the Full Register <i>(within preceding 4 generations)</i>	<i>Approved breeds for the Supplementary Register (within preceding 4 generations)</i>	Breeds to be placed on the Reference Register
OCI n Tawny Ocicat OCI a Blue Ocicat OCI b Chocolate Ocicat OCI c Lilac Ocicat OCI o Cinnamon Ocicat OCI p Fawn Ocicat OCI ns Black Silver Ocicat OCI as Blue Silver Ocicat OCI bs Chocolate Silver Ocicat OCI cs Lilac Silver Ocicat OCI os Cinnamon Silver Ocicat OCI ps Fawn Silver Ocicat	OCI n Tawny Ocicat OCI a Blue Ocicat OCI b Chocolate Ocicat OCI c Lilac Ocicat OCI o Cinnamon Ocicat OCI p Fawn Ocicat OCI ns Black Silver Ocicat OCI as Blue Silver Ocicat OCI bs Chocolate Silver Ocicat OCI cs Lilac Silver Ocicat OCI os Cinnamon Silver Ocicat OCI ps Fawn Silver Ocicat AZT n Tawny Aztec AZT a Blue Aztec AZT b Chocolate Aztec AZT c Lilac Aztec AZT o Cinnamon Aztec AZT p Fawn Aztec AZT ns Black Silver Aztec AZT as Blue Silver Aztec AZT bs Chocolate Silver Aztec	Ocicat and Aztec Breeds approved for the Full Register (see column 2) ABY n Usual Abyssinian ABY a Blue Abyssinian ABY b Chocolate Abyssinian ABY c Lilac Abyssinian ABY o Sorrel Abyssinian ABY p Fawn Abyssinian ABY ns Silver Abyssinian ABY as Blue Silver Abyssinian ABY bs Chocolate Silver Abyssinian ABY cs Lilac Silver Abyssinian ABY os Sorrel Silver Abyssinian ABY ps Fawn Silver Abyssinian Ocicat Variants (see column 4) Aztec Variants: * denotes any permitted colour of AZT as listed in column 2	* denotes any permitted colour of OCI as listed in column 2 1. Permitted Outcross to Abyssinian - The progeny of any Ocicat listed in column 1 mated to any Abyssinian as listed in column 3, and any subsequent ticked progeny. OCI * 25 v 2. Ocicats of unrecognised colours and or patterns a. Himalayan (pointed): OCI * 33 v b. Self or smoke: OCI * v c. Burmese Colour Restriction: OCI * 31 v

	AZT cs Lilac Silver Aztec AZT os Cinnamon Silver Aztec AZT ps Fawn Silver Aztec	AZT * 25 v AZT * 33 v AZT * v AZT * 31 v AZT * 32 v	d. Tonkinese Colour Restriction: OCI * 32 v Progeny of Variant x Variant matings are not permitted and should be registered as XSH
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OUTCROSSING (Subject to Genetic Management)

- Ocicats may be outcrossed to the Abyssinian breed excluding the sex-linked colours (red, cream and tortie).
- Outcross may be made to the Aztec (GCCF sister breed).

VARIANTS

Ocicat Variants are Ocicats of unrecognised colours or patterns which are bred from Ocicat, Aztec, Ocicat Variant, Aztec Variant parents or from Ocicat or Aztec x Abyssinian matings. These are self cats, smoke cats, ticked tabby cats, cats that are Himalayan (pointed) (formerly known as Blue-Eyed Ivory), cats with Burmese colour restriction or cats with Tonkinese colour restriction.

REFERENCE REGISTER

1. Ocicat Variants (from outcross to an Abyssinian):

- The progeny (F1) of an Ocicat mated to an Abyssinian (excluding sex-linked colours) shall be registered on the Reference Register as an Ocicat Variant.
 - The spotted progeny (F2) of an Ocicat Variant (F1) x Ocicat or Aztec mating shall be registered according to the Ocicat Registration Policy.
 - The classic patterned progeny (F2) of an Ocicat Variant (F1) x Ocicat or Aztec mating shall be registered according to the Aztec Registration Policy.
 - The non-spotted and non-classic patterned progeny (F2) of an Ocicat Variant (F1) x Ocicat or Aztec mating shall be registered on the Reference Register as an Ocicat Variant.
2. Ocicats of unrecognised colours and or patterns which have in their pedigrees within the preceding four generations only Ocicats, Aztecs, Ocicat Variants, Aztec Variants or Abyssinians, shall be registered on the Reference Register
 3. Progeny of Variant x Variant matings are not permitted and should be registered as XSH.

4. Cats of Ocicat appearance produced from matings to other recognised breeds whose Registration Policies permit Ocicats as an outcross breed shall be registered as directed by the Registration Policy for the other breed, but with no reference to Ocicat type, and shall not be permitted in the pedigrees of Ocicats.
5. Other cats of Ocicat appearance which in their pedigrees within the preceding four generations have any breed other than Ocicat, Aztec, Ocicat Variants, Aztec Variants or Abyssinians are not permitted and should be registered as XSH.

OVERSTAMPING

Cats placed on the Active Register and also on the Genetic Register require over stamping as follows:

- Ocicats placed on the Genetic Register shall have their registration certificate over stamped 'Placed on the Genetic Register' and shall be over stamped for any/all of the carried genetic traits which are required.

Some Variants and their progeny require over stamping of their registration certificate to track genetic traits, these are listed below:

- 1 Ocicats with a parent which is registered as an Aztec shall have their registration certificate over stamped 'Carries the Classic Pattern gene'. The registration certificates of subsequent Ocicat offspring of such cats will be over stamped 'May carry the Classic Pattern gene'.
- 2 Ocicats with a parent that is registered as Self or Smoke shall have their registration certificate over stamped 'Carries the Non-Agouti gene'. Subsequent Ocicat agouti offspring of such cats will be over stamped 'May carry the Non-Agouti gene'.
- 3 Ocicats with a parent which is registered as Himalayan (pointed) shall have their registration certificate over stamped 'Carries the Himalayan gene'. Subsequent full coloured (i.e. not Himalayan pointed) Ocicat offspring of such cats will be over stamped 'May carry the Himalayan gene'.
- 4 Ocicats with a parent which is registered as Burmese colour restriction shall have their registration certificate over stamped 'Carries the Burmese gene'. Subsequent full coloured (i.e. not Burmese colour restriction) Ocicat offspring of such cats will be over stamped 'May carry the Burmese gene'.
- 5 Ocicats with a parent which is registered as Tonkinese colour restriction shall have their registration certificate over stamped 'Carries either the Himalayan or Burmese genes', unless clarified by genetic testing whereby the over stamping will either be changed to 'Carries the Himalayan gene' or 'Carries the Burmese gene' according to the results of the test.
- 6 The registration certificates of full coloured Ocicats with a parent whose registration certificate is over stamped 'Carries either the Himalayan or the Burmese gene', will be over stamped 'May carry either the Himalayan or the Burmese gene, unless clarified or cleared by genetic testing whereby the over stamping will either be changed to 'Carries the Himalayan gene', 'Carries the Burmese gene' or removed entirely according to the results of the test.
- 7 The registration certificates of full coloured Ocicats with a parent whose registration is over stamped 'Carries the Himalayan gene' will be over stamped 'May carry the Himalayan gene', unless cleared by genetic test. The registration certificates of full

coloured Ocicats with a parent whose registration is overstamped 'Carries the Burmese gene' will be overstamped 'May carry the Burmese gene'.

- 8 The full coloured Ocicat offspring of two parents, one that has their registration certificate overstamped 'Carries the Himalayan gene' or 'May carry the Himalayan gene' and the other that has their registration certificate overstamped 'Carries the Burmese gene' or May carry the Burmese gene will be overstamped 'May carry either the Himalayan or Burmese gene'.

Overstamps stating a cat carries or may carry a particular trait will be removed or altered upon receipt by GCCF of a relevant DNA test result. For how to test see below*.

GENETIC MANAGEMENT – TESTING SCHEMES*

The following terms are used in this policy to describe the results of genetic testing:

Normal (clear) - The cat has no copies of the relevant gene.

Carrier - The cat has one copy of the relevant gene and one normal copy.

Affected - The cat has two copies of the relevant gene.

An Ocicat can be genetically proven as normal only if one of the following conditions is met :

1. They have themselves been tested normal for the appropriate genetic trait
2. Both parents have been tested normal for the appropriate genetic trait
3. They are from parents deemed normal because of the results from the testing as in 1, of cats on every pedigree line in previous generations. Pedigree line in this case refers to both parents or 4 grandparents, 8 great grandparents, 16 great-great-grandparents and so on, or any combination of the same which is inclusive of both the sire's and dam's Ancestors.

A. TESTING SCHEME FOR OUTCROSS TO ABYSSINIAN – MANDATORY.

ACTIVE REGISTER

If the Ocicat to be registered is the F1 offspring of an Abyssinian outcross mating they may be registered on the Active Register, at the breeder's request, only if they have been proven normal for:

PKDef - Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (*Effective from October 2006*)

PRA rdAc - Progressive Retinal Atrophy (*Effective from 24th October 2012*)

B. TESTING SCHEME FOR IMPORTS (from other registries) - MANDATORY

ACTIVE REGISTER

Ocicats may be registered on the Active Register, at the breeder's request, only if they have been proven normal for:

- PKDef** - Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency *(Effective from October 2006)*
- PRA rdAc** - Progressive Retinal Atrophy *(Effective from 24th October 2012)*
- BCR** - Burmese Colour Restriction *(Effective from INSERT Date of Council approval here)*
- BHP** - Burmese Hypokalaemic Polymyopathy *(Effective from INSERT Date of Council approval here)*
- GM2** - Burmese GM2 Gangliosidosis *(Effective from INSERT Date of Council approval here)*
- BHD** - Burmese Head Defect (Burmese Congenital Craniofacial defect)*(Effective from INSERT Date of Council approval here)*

C. TESTING SCHEME FOR PROGRESSIVE RETINAL ATROPHY (PRA rdAc) and BURMESE COLOUR RESTRICTION (BCR) – ADVISORY from (INSERT date of Council approval here) MANDATORY from (INSERT DATE 6 months from Council approval here)

ACTIVE REGISTER (see also Section E)

Ocicats may be registered on the Active Register, at the breeder's request, only if they have been proven normal for:

- PRA rdAc** - Progressive Retinal Atrophy
- BCR** - Burmese Colour Restriction

D. TESTING SCHEME FOR BHP, GM2 and BHD – ADVISORY from (INSERT date of Council approval here)

The Ocicat and Aztec BAC **strongly recommends** that all Ocicats on (or to be placed on) the Active Register for the purpose of breeding are genetically tested and proven normal for the following genetic traits, with the results registered with the GCCF (see also Section E):

- BHP** - Burmese Hypokalaemic Polymyopathy
- GM2** - Burmese GM2 Gangliosidosis
- BHD** - Burmese Head Defect (Burmese Congenital Craniofacial defect)

Please note: If any affected or carrier Ocicat or Aztec is verified by this advisory testing, the BAC must be notified by GCCF; whereby an immediate review of the need for a more formal screening programme will be undertaken by The Ocicat and Aztec BAC.

E. ACTIVE REGISTER PLUS GENETIC REGISTER

Ocicats which have not been proven as normal for the genetic traits as listed in C and/or where supplied test results have not been proven as normal for the advisory testing listed in D, may be registered as follows:

1. Ocicats which have been proven to be carriers shall be registered on the Active Register and the Genetic Register, or on the Non-Active Register if so requested by the breeder.
2. Offspring of cats registered on the Active Register and the Genetic Register may only be registered on the Active Register (without the Genetic Register) if they have themselves have been genetically tested as normal.
3. All other offspring of cats registered on the Active Register and Genetic Register shall be registered on the Active Register and Genetic Register, or on the Non-Active Register if so requested by the breeder.
4. Any Ocicat which is affected shall be registered on the Non-Active register and must not be bred from.
5. Cats of carrier status should only be mated to cats that are proven to be normal for the same trait.

***Important:** HOW TO TEST (effective from INSERT Date of Council approval here)

DNA genetic tests must be taken and verified against the cat's microchip number, and must be processed by a Veterinary Surgeon or Registered Veterinary Nurse, the test certificate(s) must be submitted to GCCF when requesting registration (unless they are already recorded on the GCCF system).

Note: The results from DNA samples submitted directly by breeders to authorised testing laboratories before the effective date listed above will be honoured.