

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY

NOTES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A PREFIX

(Please keep these notes for your reference)

FILLING IN THE APPLICATION FORM *(Please read very carefully)*

1. An applicant for a prefix must be a **member of at least one GCCF Member Cat Club**. This applies to **each applicant in the case of joint applications**. (Membership of a Provisional Club is not applicable)
N.B. Club Lists are available from the GCCF Office, 5 King's Castle Business Park, The Drove, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4AG or online using www.gccfcats.org/all-forms
2. (a) **It is the applicants' responsibility** to have their membership of a GCCF Member Cat Club certified by the Club's Secretary in the space provided **before sending their application to the GCCF Office**. (Some Clubs, not all, require you to be a member for one year before certifying a prefix application form)
OR
(b) You must include the Club name in the space provided below and send it **directly** to the GCCF office. The GCCF will then contact the Club secretary for confirmation of membership.
3. **The Prefix**
 - (a) You are particularly requested to give a **minimum choice of four different names** in order of preference, unnecessary delay is caused when only one name or variations of the same name are submitted and rejected. Please avoid putting in choices that you will not like just to fill in the spaces, as one of these may be approved.
 - (b) **Only one word** is allowed for a Prefix and may be of any number of **English letters of the alphabet and the symbols ! * - ' (exclamation mark, asterisk, dash, apostrophe)**.
 - (c) Please remember that only 30 characters (including spaces) are allowed when registering the name of a cat or kitten and that the prefix is included in this number.
 - (d) The following will **NOT** be acceptable as prefixes:
 - names suggesting that a breeder is the sole or most important breeder from a particular area
 - words bearing a close resemblance to an existing prefix
 - recognised feline titles (Champion, Premier, Supreme, International, Imperial etc) and GCCF breed names and existing prefixes, alone or if either is linked by punctuation to other words. (Amended 26.2.20)
 - any other word considered by the Board of Directors to be unsuitable
 - (e) **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 GCCF accepts no responsibility for any legal action which might arise from an applicant's choice of prefix even if approved.**
Applicants should ensure, to the best of their knowledge, that they do not submit a word which has been registered as a prefix with another cat registering organisation by another person - do not choose one from a pedigree or from the Internet.
The applicant shall be held responsible for any action arising from the granting of a prefix.
 - (f) If you make a mistake in the spelling of your prefix or prefer an alternative choice, please note that this cannot be rectified once the prefix is granted.

GENERAL POINTS TO NOTE *(Please read very carefully)*

1. Applications for the registration of cats/kittens using the requested prefix **MUST NOT** be submitted, nor must the prefix be used, **until the notification of the prefix approved has been received by the applicant**.
2. Prefixes may normally only be used for litters bred and registered by the prefix owner(s) and **born on or after date of receipt by the GCCF** of the correctly completed prefix application.
PLEASE NOTE:
 - (a) The breeder of a cat is the **registered owner of the dam** on the date of the cat's birth.
 - (b) In the case of a **single** prefix, the dam must be registered in the ownership of the prefix holder at the time of the cat's birth.
 - (c) 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.
 - (d) Where a **jointly held** prefix is approved all cats and kittens registered under the prefix must be jointly owned. A prefix held in joint ownership cannot be used by either holder for registration in his/her name alone.

P.T.O.

General Points to Note
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3. A prefix cannot be added to a cat's name after date of registration.
4. Prefixes only but not suffixes will be granted. Suffixes already granted by the GCCF are not affected.
5. Prefixes are granted at the discretion of the GCCF.
6. **Prefix applications take approximately 16-20 weeks to be approved and notification sent to applicants.**

FEE £ 75.00 for single or joint application from UK resident/s
 £100.00 for single or joint application from overseas resident/s

The fee is to cover the process of application and copies of various relevant GCCF publications which will be sent with the official notification of successful application. In the event of cancellation of the application for whatever reason, any refund is based on a pro-rata calculation of the processing of the application carried out to the cancellation date.

Cheques/Money Orders/Postal Orders should be crossed and made payable to The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy. For overseas applicants a Bankers Draft in Sterling is required. Card payments can be made as detailed on the GCCF website.

Fee, together with your completed application form, to be sent to:

GCCF, 5 King's Castle Business Park, The Drove, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4AG

or to info@gccfcats.org

All prefix applications are acknowledged.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES regarding prefixes, please email info@gccfcats.org
 or telephone 01278 427575.

If you are applying for a name which **you** have already registered as a prefix with another cat registering organisation, please indicate this after the list of names. This does **not** guarantee that the name will be granted, but will clarify the situation if the name is recognised.

In case of any query, may we suggest that you write down the prefix names for which you applied and the date you posted the application form to the GCCF:

- (1) (5) (9)
- (2) (6) (10)
- (3) (7) (11)
- (4) (8) (12)

Date Sent

FOR APPLICANTS REFERENCE ONLY - NOT TO BE RETURNED TO GCCF

Data Protection Act The following information taken from your application form will be listed on our computer
 Name, address and prefix granted with effective date

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APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A PREFIX

Office use only:

Application No: Batch File: Further Selection:

APPLICANT (1)

Surname

Forenames

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms etc)

Email

Full Correspondence

Address (only 1 permitted)

..... Post Code.....

APPLICANT (2) (if joint prefix application)

Surname

Forenames

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms etc)

Email

..... Tel No (.....).....

I/We acknowledge that in any matter relating to the breeding, exhibiting or treatment of cats or to any Cat Show I/we consent to be bound by and to submit to the Constitution and Rules of the Cat Fancy as the same may be amended from time to time. I/We have read and understand 3(e) of the notes on filling in this form

PREFIX to be registered (please give names in order (BLOCK CAPITALS please) of preference)

Signature
(Applicant 1) (please sign - do not print)

(1)

(2)

Signature
(Applicant 2) (please sign - do not print)

(3)

(4)

Date of Birth if under 18

Name of Parent/Guardian
(block capitals, please)

Signed by Parent/Guardian

(P.T.O. for additional choices)

Please tick one: Payment enclosed:

Payment to be made by card:

Applicants can send this to their GCCF Member Cat Club Secretary for completion BEFORE sending to the GCCF Office. Alternatively, leave the signature line blank and the GCCF will contact the club for confirmation of membership.

It is hereby certified that *Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

*Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

* delete where not applicable

is a member/are members of the

Signed

(Club Secretary) Date

IMPORTANT Please read notes attached to this form and keep them for your reference

Please return this application form when completed, together with fee of **£75** for UK Resident/s or **£100** for overseas resident/s, single or joint application, to:

GCCF, 5 King's Castle Business Park, The Drove, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4AG

Office use only:

Date received and accepted by GCCF

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ADDITIONAL CHOICES OF PREFIX NAME in order of preference

(5) (9)

(6) (10)

(7) (11)

(8) (12)

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