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Recognition of New Breeds, including Patterns and Colours of Existing Breeds

A) Recognition of additional colours, patterns and coat lengths of existing breeds. Rules Section 1 22-34

If to be applied for by the BAC for the breed continue following A.

If not go to B as the cats with the new feature(s) will have to be considered by the criteria for recognising New Breeds if the BAC concerned does not want does not want to make an application for recognition of the different colour, pattern or coat length.

A method 1

The BAC may request that cats with any of the above new feature(s) go into an appropriate existing championship or assessment class (self, pattern, colour restriction, etc.). If the Board approves they will immediately become eligible to be awarded the certificates (breed or assessment) to that class.

- The BAC makes an application to the Board for inclusion in the class. Required:
- Brief explanation and background
- A revised registration policy that is inclusive of the new feature
- A revised SOP that is inclusive of the new feature

NB The Australian Mist and Korat & Thai BACs have used method1 recently

The only exception is that if the new feature is a new hair type (such as rexing), then there must be an application for made for recognition of a new breed.

A method 2

If the breed exists, but a new separate class is required by the BAC for cats who have the new feature(s) and are to be recognised then follow this procedure:

1. Hold a seminar and/or introduce the cats to judges and Board members at shows

2. Apply to the Board for **Preliminary Recognition** with the following information:

- The rationale for the request for a separate class
- Information of the genetic basis for the new feature(s)
- A relevant Standard of Points with the new feature(s) included
- The breed registration policy revised as necessary

3. Apply to the Board for **Championship Status** when:

- At least 20 cats have been registered
- 6 cats with the new feature(s) have 4 or more merit certificates from at least 4 different judges (see rule 34f)
- A selection of critiques of Merit winners and miscellaneous class placements can be provided (rule 34f & g)
- The rationale for a separate class can be confirmed
- Confirmation of the SOP and registration policy can be given
- The Breeding Policy is confirmed by the Genetics Committee to include information about the new feature, with suitable advice on its development and the maintenance of breed genetic diversity

NB The Russian BAC used method 2 for the Russian Blacks and Whites who do not share a class with Russian Blues.

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B) Recognition of New Breeds or for Cats of An Existing Breed with a New Hair Type. Rules Section 1 38-51.

1. Apply for a **breed name**. This may be done by an existing BAC or by a representative group of breeders.

Supply:
• Information about the breed, including photos and whether it is recognised with other registries
• Sufficient facts to demonstrate its merits and significant difference from existing breeds
• Pedigree examples of cats to be registered
• A draft registration policy and provisional Standard of Points

2. Apply to the Board for **Preliminary Recognition** with the following information
• Evidence that the breed has been shown on exhibition (see Rule 42)
• Confirmation of the breed's merits, including genetic health
• A relevant Standard of Points (see rule 42b)
• The breed registration policy revised as necessary (see rule 43c)
• A list of cats of the new breed that have been registered with GCCF
• A list of GCCF judges for the new breed, full on at least one list in the section where the new breed has been placed (see rule 43e)

3. Apply to the Board for **Championship Status** when:
• A Breed Advisory Committee for the breed has been formed with an appropriate constitution and rules of procedure approved by the GCCF Board
• There are sufficient facts to demonstrate the merits of the breed and its difference from existing breeds
• A Breeding Policy has been produced and has the approval of the Genetics Committee
• The Standard of Points can be confirmed (see rule 48b)
• The Registration Policy can be confirmed (see rule 48c)
• There are a sufficient number of Full Judge who have been appointed according to rule 43e
• 50 specimens of the breed have been GCCF registered
• 15 cats have been awarded a minimum of 4 merit certificates by at least 4 different judges
• A selection of critiques of Merit winners and miscellaneous class placements can be provided (see rule 48 h & i)

NB The Sokoke, Suffolk and Toyger are examples of recent new breeds.

Summary of progression for breed recognition as at 6/2/2017