The American Curl Registration Policy (Draft) GEMS - ACS & ACL.

The **American Curl** is characterised by its unusual ears, which curl back from the face toward the centre of the back of the skull. The breed (as recognised by WCC members) originated in California's domestic population and the structural anomaly is due to a spontaneous mutation (autosomal dominant).

Varieties

Short and Longhaired in all colours.

Full Register

American Curls which have in the preceding three generations only American Curls.

Supplementary Register

American Curls which have in the preceding three generations American Curls, American Curl variants and GCCF registered domestic short or longhairs. The pedigrees of imports may have cats from the domestic population of the country of origin.

Reference Register

1. American Curl Variants (i.e. cats with normal ears) which have in the preceding three generations only American Curls and domestic cats (as defined for the supplementary register).

2. Any cat with curled ears which has in its pedigree within three preceding generations American Curls and any pedigree breed registered with GCCF, or any other organisation, shall be registered on the reference register as no recognised breed with no progression in accordance with GCCF Rules Section 1:1c.

Outcrossing

Short and longhaired domestic cats registered with GCCF, or from the country of origin in the pedigree of an import.

Health

All American Curls to be registered with GCCF will require a health certificate completed by a veterinary surgeon to state that the ear is mobile, not delicate, and an auroscopic examination confirms the ear canal open. The cat's microchip number must be identified at the time of the check and be on the certificate which must be signed by the vet and carry the practice stamp. This is applicable for the registration of active and non-active cats.

The domestic cats used as outcrosses for GCCF registered American Curls should genetically screened by a commercially available panel of tests, and the results registered with GCCF. Those that are positive or have carrier status for any feline genetic disease are not suitable as an outcross and their progeny will not be registered.

DNA Screening: Cats must be microchipped**.** Swabs must be taken by a vet or registered veterinary nurse at a veterinary practice and the chip number verified to match the cat's veterinary records and vaccination card. Certification must include the veterinary practice's official stamp.