The Kurilian Registration Policy (Draft) **GEMS:** KBL and KBS

The Kurilian Bobtail is a breed originating from the Russian Kuril Islands, as well as Sakhalin Island and the Kamchatka peninsula of Russia. It comes in short and longhaired coat lengths, and is known for its distinctive kinked, short tail from 3 to 8 cm long.

Varieties

All colours and patterns with or without any amount of white except for colourpoints (cs, cb & tcr), chocolate, cinnamon, fawn and lilac. These exceptions are not permitted in any pattern or combined with white.

Full Register

Kurilian Bobtails which have in the preceding three generations only Kurilian Bobtails in accepted colours.

Supplementary Register

Kurilian Bobtails which have in the preceding three generations Kurilian Bobtails and unregistered Kurilian Bobtail foundation cats in accepted colours from the domestic population of the area of origin (as defined in the opening paragraph).

Reference Register

1. Unregistered Kurilian Bobtail foundation cats in the accepted colours from the defined area of origin.

2. Any cat with a bobtail which has in its pedigree, within three preceding generations, Kurilian Bobtails and any other 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.

Health

a) All Kurilian Bobtails to be registered with GCCF will require a health certificate completed by a veterinary surgeon to state that the spine has the normal number of vertebrae and is free from irregularities. 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.

b) Any unregistered foundation Kurilian Bobtail imported from the area of origin, should be genetically screened by a commercially available panel of tests, and the results put on record with GCCF. Those that are positive or have carrier status for any feline genetic disease are not suitable for breeding and their progeny will not be registered.

c) If a Kurilian Bobtail imported from another registry has an unregistered foundation cat in its pedigree within three generations, there must be i) proof of origin for the foundation cat and ii) certification that is has been genetically screened as above (b). If the genetic certification (ii) is not available, then the import itself must be genetically screened as at b).

Note: DNA Testing Protocol: the cat is microchipped; a swab is taken by a vet, or RVN registered vet nurse, and the veterinary health certificate must state that the microchip number was verified by the vet or RVN registered vet nurse and matches the cat's veterinary records and vaccination card. The certificate must also include the veterinary practice's official stamp.