



GCCF REGISTRATION POLICY FOR BRITISH SHORTHAIR CATS

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British Registration Policy – How to use this Document

The Registration Policy determines how any British Shorthair cat shall be registered on the GCCF Registers depending on its parentage. Its purpose is to guide breeding within guidelines that ensure the accurate continuity of colour and pattern and the avoidance of unexpected problems caused by the "carrying" of recessive characteristics (e.g. the weakening of eye colour in the self cat due to the Pointed gene, white patching appearing on Siamese pattern cats, the blurring of tabby patterns due to the presence of the wide-band gene/effect from tipped cats).¹

The first section describes the normal GCCF registers and how the cat will be registered depending upon the registers on which the parents are registered.

The Sections by 'Series' describe the desirable or allowable colours/patterns of those parents.

- The most desirable parents are listed in the second column and offspring of these combinations will be registered on the Full Register (provided there is nothing in the previous 4 generation pedigree that prevents this).
- The third column shows less advantageous, but allowable, colour / pattern matings. These matings will result in registration on the Supplementary/Genetics² Register.
- Colours / patterns which should NOT be used as parents are shown in the fourth column. (Experienced breeders may use these matings for specific purposes but need to be aware that they will need to breed back to acceptable cats until the fourth generation can return to the Supplementary Register)

To determine how any given cat will be registered³ :-

1. First find the colour and /or pattern of cat expected in column 1 of the Series chart.
2. Column 2 will tell you which are the most desirable parents. Column 3 will give you acceptable parents; it will be worth checking the notes to ensure that you understand why some matings are more desirable than others. Finally column three will advise you of those cats that will cause the offspring to be registered on the reference register⁴

If both parents are registered as British Shorthairs on the Full, Supplementary or Experimental Registers and the colours / patterns of the parents are both allowed as parents for the cat to be registered (i.e. is shown in either column 2 or 3), then the cat will be registered on either the Full, Supplementary, Genetics or Experimental Register as appropriate (as described on page 5/6) and may be shown. Only cats on the active register can be bred from.

If either or both parents is a colour / pattern that appears in column 4, the cat will be registered on the Reference Register and, whilst being available for

¹ Breeders may find the BSH breeding policy a useful resource to understand the rationale behind the registration policy.

² For use only when DNA tests are available.

³ It is possible that Cats from the same litter, if different in colour or pattern, could be registered on different registers dependent upon the colour/pattern of the parents

⁴ Some cats when registered as non-active will qualify for the supplementary register

onward breeding in a controlled breeding programme, cannot itself be shown.

If a cat registered on the Reference Register is used in a breeding programme by mating back to suitable colours / patterns of non-Reference Register British Shorthairs, the fourth generation will be registered on the Supplementary or Experimental Register as appropriate.

The same progression from Supplementary to Full Register applies but there is no practical difference between cats on either of these registers. Supplementary registration indicates a slightly more varied, but approved, background to the pedigree when compared to Full Register registration.

Cats with colours / patterns which have only Preliminary Recognition are registered on the Experimental Register are only eligible for showing in Merit Assessment Classes until the breed is promoted to Provisional Status.

Cats with any other parents not shown in the chart will be registered on the Reference Register without a breed number and offspring cannot return to the main registers as British Shorthairs through any breed programme.

Some matings will result in an overstamp of the pedigree such as those involving, Silver, Colourpointed and Ticked cats. Although Silver and Ticked are dominant genes and cannot be carried they are not always obvious in some breeds. Therefore, the over-stamp will be carried forward, to help inform future breeding programs until such time as a DNA test renders the over-stamp unnecessary.

For further information please contact the Secretary of the British Shorthair Group Committee

The Registers Explained

Full Register (CS)

- British Shorthairs with Full or Provisional status which have within the preceding 3 generations, only BSH of the groups listed for registration on the Full Register for that colour/pattern, excluding cats whose pedigrees include within the previous three generations a cat registered on the Reference Register. These Cats may be shown at GCCF Shows.

Supplementary Register (CSSR)

- British Shorthairs with Full or Provisional status which have within the preceding 3 generations, only BSH, of the groups listed for registration on the Supplementary Register for that colour/pattern. These Cats may be shown at GCCF Shows.

Supplementary Register (CSSR) – Genetics Register (Active)

- British Shorthairs from any mating where a recessive gene⁵, will or may be passed on, that is required for a specific breeding programme, but that may be undesirable in other breeding programmes. Cats may be transferred from this register on production of a valid gene test certifying that the offspring are either non-carriers of the gene or are recognised examples of the initial breeding programme. These cats may be shown at GCCF shows.

Experimental Register (CSEXP)

British Shorthairs with Preliminary status which have within the preceding 3 generations only BSH of the groups listed for registration on the Experimental Register for that colour/pattern. These cats are only eligible for showing in Merit Assessment Classes until the breed is promoted to Provisional Status.

- ⁵ Only for use with genes where a DNA test is available

Reference Register (CSREF) These Cats are Not Eligible for Showing at GCCF Shows.

- a. British Shorthairs where one parent or both parent(s) is (are) a BSH or British Variant allowed for registration on the Reference Register for that colour/pattern
- b. British Variants - the longhaired progeny of two BSH parents.
- c. Cinnamon Self, Fawn Self, Cinnamon Colourpointed and Fawn Colourpointed British Shorthairs which have an Oriental Cinnamon or Fawn (which is not over-stamped as carrying the recessive white gene) within three generations.
- d. Blue-eyed/Odd-eyed and All White Patched BSH or Variants, without progression.
- e. Cats of BSH appearance which do not conform to this Policy shall be registered on the Reference Register as "no recognised breed". (A proposed breeding programme may be submitted to the BSGC if recognition is desired)

Registration Policy - Self, Tortie & Bi-Colour BSH

Colour/Pattern of British Shorthair to be registered	Colours and Patterns of Acceptable Parents for Full or Experimental Register	<u>ADDITIONAL</u> Colours and Patterns of acceptable parents for Supplementary and Experimental Register	<u>ADDITIONAL</u> Colours and Patterns of acceptable parents for Reference Register
White Self BSH (see note 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC Self BSH AC Tortie BSH 	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH AC Self or Tortie BSH Variant (see note 2)
Black, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Cinnamon or Fawn Self BSH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC Self BSH AC Tortie BSH AC Bi-colour or Tortie' & White (inc Van) BSH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC Non-silver agouti (tabby) (Inc Golden) BSH (See note 5) AC Non-Silver Colourpointed (inc c/p & white) (see notes 8 -) AC/AV Silver Series BSH– (Non Active Only) (see note 9,) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC/AV Silver Series BSH – (Active Register) Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH BSH Variant of the cats in Column 2. (see note 2)
Red or Cream Self BSH (see note 4 -)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC Self BSH AC Tortie BSH AC Bi-colour or Tortie & White (inc Van) BSH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC Non-silver agouti (tabby) (Inc Golden) BSH (see note 5) AC Non-Silver Colourpointed(inc c/p & white) (see notes 8 -) AC/AV Silver Series BSH– (Non Active Only) (see note 9,) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC/AV Silver Series BSH – (Active Register) Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH BSH Variant of the cats in Column 2. (see note 2)
AC Tortoiseshell BSH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC Self BSH AC Tortie BSH AC Bi-colour or Tortie & White (inc Van) BSH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC Non-silver agouti (tabby) (Inc Golden) BSH (see note 5) AC Non-Silver Colourpointed (inc c/p & white) (see notes 8 -) AC/AV Silver Series BSH– (Non Active Only) (see note 9,) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC/AV Silver Series BSH – (Active Register) Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH BSH Variant of the cats in Column 2. (see note 2)
AC Bi-colour, AC Tortie & White, AC Van Pattern Bi- colour and AC Van Pattern Tortie and White	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC Self BSH (excluding White Self) AC Tortie BSH AC Bi-colour or Tortie & White (inc Van) BSH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC Non-Silver Colourpointed (inc c/p & white) (see notes 8 -) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH BSH Variant of the cats in Column 2. (see note 2)

Registration Policy - Silver Series BSH (excluding Tipped)

Colour/Pattern of British Shorthair to be registered	Colours and Patterns of Acceptable Parents for Full or Experimental Register	<u>ADDITIONAL</u> Colours and Patterns of acceptable parents for Supplementary and Experimental Register	<u>ADDITIONAL</u> Colours and Patterns of acceptable parents for Reference Register
AC Silver Classic, Mackerel or Spotted Tabby BSH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC Silver agouti (tabby) (including Ticked) BSH (excluding Tipped) • AC Smoke BSH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC Non-silver agouti (tabby) BSH (excluding Tipped) (see note 5) • AC Self BSH (excluding White Self) • AC Tortie BSH • AC Colourpointed (see notes 8 -) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH • AC silver agouti (tabby) BSH Variant (see Notes 2,5 & 6)
AC Silver Ticked Tabby (see note 7 and 7.1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC Silver agouti (tabby) BSH (excluding Ticked & * Tipped) • AC Smoke BSH <p>*Corrected 22/7/2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC Non-silver agouti (tabby) BSH (excluding Ticked & * Tipped) (see note 5) • AC Self BSH (excluding White Self) • AC Tortie BSH • AC Colourpointed (see notes 8 -) <p>*Corrected 22/7/2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH • AC Silver agouti (tabby) BSH Variant (see Notes 2, 5 & 6)
AC Smoke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC Smoke BSH • AC Self BSH (excluding white) • AC Tortie BSH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC Silver and Non-silver agouti (tabby) (Inc Tipped) BSH (see note 5) • AC Colourpointed (see notes 8 -) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH • AC Smoke Variant (see note 2)

Registration Policy - Non Silver Agouti/Tabby Series BSH (excluding Tipped)

Colour/Pattern of British Shorthair to be registered	Colours and Patterns of Acceptable Parents for Full or Experimental Register	<u>ADDITIONAL</u> Colours and Patterns of acceptable parents for Supplementary and Experimental Register	<u>ADDITIONAL</u> Colours and Patterns of acceptable parents for Reference Register
AC Non- Silver Classic, Mackerel or Spotted Tabby BSH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC Non-silver agouti (tabby) BSH (excluding Golden) (see note 5) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC Silver agouti (tabby) BSH (excluding Tipped) (see note 5) AC Self BSH (excluding White Self) AC Tortie BSH AC Smoke BSH AC Colourpointed (see notes 8-) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH AC agouti (non-silver) (tabby) BSH Variant (see Notes 2, 5 & 6)
AC Non- Silver Ticked Tabby BSH (see note 7 & 7.1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC Non- Silver agouti (tabby) (excluding Ticked and *Tipped) BSH <p>*corrected 22/7/2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC Silver agouti (tabby) BSH (excluding Ticked and *Tipped) (see note 5) AC Self BSH (excluding White Self) AC Tortie BSH AC Smoke BSH AC Colourpointed (see notes 8-) <p>*Corrected 22/7/2014</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH AC non-silver agouti (tabby) BSH Variant (see Notes 2, 5 & 6)

Registration Policy – Tipped Series BSH – (Agouti/Wide-banding)

Colour/Pattern of British Shorthair to be registered	Colours and Patterns of Acceptable Parents for Full or Experimental Register	<u>ADDITIONAL</u> Colours and Patterns of acceptable parents for Supplementary and Experimental Register	<u>ADDITIONAL</u> Colours and Patterns of acceptable parents for Reference Register
AC Silver Series Tipped & AC Non Silver Tipped	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC Tipped BSH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC Silver & Non Silver agouti (tabby) BSH (see note 5) • AC Self BSH (excluding White Self) • AC Tortie BSH • AC Smoke BSH • AC Colourpointed (see notes 8 -) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH • AC Tipped BSH Variant (see note 2)

Registration Policy - Colourpointed Series BSH

Colour/Pattern of British Shorthair to be registered	Colours and Patterns of Acceptable Parents for Full or Experimental Register	<u>ADDITIONAL</u> Colours and Patterns of acceptable parents for Supplementary and Experimental Register	<u>ADDITIONAL</u> Colours and Patterns of acceptable parents for Reference Register
AC Non-Silver, Colourpointed BSH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-Silver Colourpointed BSH without White Spotting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC Non-Silver agouti (tabby) BSH (see note 5) AC Self BSH (excluding White Self) AC Tortie BSH Any Non-Silver Colourpointed & White BSH – only when accompanied by a request for Non-Active Registration of the progeny. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any Non-Silver Colourpointed & White BSH – (active registration) Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH AC Non-Silver Colourpointed BSH without White Spotting Variant (see Note 2)
AC Silver, Colourpointed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silver Colourpointed BSH without White Spotting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC Silver agouti (tabby) BSH (see note 5) AC Self/smoke BSH (excluding White Self) AC Tortie BSH AC non-silver Colourpointed (see notes 8 -) Any Silver Colourpointed & White BSH – only when accompanied by a request for Non-Active Registration of the progeny. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any Silver Colourpointed & White BSH (active registration) Any other Recognised Colour and Pattern of BSH AC Silver Colourpointed BSH without White Spotting Variant (see Note 2)
AC Non-Silver, Colourpointed & White	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC Non-Silver Colourpointed & White BSH AC Non-Silver Colourpointed BSH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC Self BSH (excl White) AC Tortie BSH AC Bi-Colour BSH AC Tortie & White BSH AC Non-silver agouti (tabby) BSH (see note 5) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other Recognised Colour or Pattern of BSH AC Colourpointed or Colourpointed & White BSH Variant (see note 2)
AC Silver, Colourpointed & White	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC Silver Colourpointed & White BSH AC Silver Colourpointed BSH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC Non-Silver Colourpointed & White BSH AC Non-Silver Colourpointed BSH AC Silver agouti (Tabby) BSH (see note 5) AC Tortie & White BSH AC Bicolour BSH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other Recognised Colour or Pattern of BSH AC Silver Colourpointed or Colourpointed & White BSH Variant (see note 2)

Registration Explanatory Notes:

1. A BAER test confirming hearing in both ears must be provided for any White cat (male or female) before the cat can be registered on the Active Register and used for breeding. Cats with a hearing problem in one or both ears will be registered on the Non-Active Register. (Any kittens accidentally produced from these cats will also be registered on the Non-Active Register and should be tested prior to sale to new owners.)
2. Blue-eyed/Odd-eyed and All White Van BSH or Variants are not acceptable as parents for any colour / pattern of BSH
3. Any non-silver cat with silver in pedigree will carry a 'silver in pedigree' over-stamp until such time as a Silver DNA test becomes available.
4. Any Non Agouti (tabby) Red or Cream BSH or BSH Variant including Silver and Colourpointed (including Colourpointed and White) cat with an agouti parent, can only be registered on the active register when the registration form is accompanied by a DNA test confirming that the cat is a non-agouti/self cat (a/a).
 - 4.1. The paperwork for any Red or Cream series cat imported into GCCF registers on the ACTIVE REGISTER must include a DNA Agouti Status test.
5. Note : Throughout this document the term "Agouti" or "Tabby", unless otherwise defined, includes all tabby patterns - Classic, Mackerel/Spotted, Ticked or Tipped (Wide-banding)
6. No cat without an agouti (tabby) parent (inc Tabby Colourpointed) may be registered on any Register as a Tabby or Tabby Colourpointed BSH or as a Tabby or Tabby Colourpointed BSH Variant.
 - 6.1. All Red and Cream agouti (tabby) series including Colourpointed (including Colourpointed and White). See Appendix 1.
 - 6.1.1. Any GCCF cat transferred on the active register will be over stamped "This cat has not been genetically tested for the Agouti Gene" ('Agouti status not confirmed by DNA test') unless a DNA test accompanies the registration paperwork.
 - 6.1.2. The paperwork for any Red or Cream series cat imported into GCCF registers on the ACTIVE REGISTER must include a DNA Agouti Status test.

7. The TICKED pattern gene in both agouti and non-agouti cats is the dominant pattern. It is strongly advised that TICKED cats should NOT be mated together as doing so could result in cats becoming homozygous for the TICKED gene, which could lead to the ultimate elimination of the Classic and Mackerel/Spotted patterns from the breed as a whole.
 - 7.1. Registration documents for cats with a ticked patterned parent will be over stamped with 'ticked' in pedigree (the pattern will not always be noticeable in non-agouti, Colourpointed or Tipped cats)
8. Any cat (excluding White or Tipped BSH) with a Colourpointed BSH Parent will be registered on the Supplementary and Non-Active Registers or, if the application is for registration on the Active Register, the cat shall also be placed on the Genetic Register
 - 8.1. Colourpointed offspring of these cats on the Genetic Register may be registered in the normal way.
 - 8.2. Any non-pointed offspring with a Colourpointed BSH parent shall be over-stamped "carries Colourpointed". Future offspring shall be over-stamped "may carry Colourpointed" unless cleared by DNA testing. Until cleared by DNA testing offspring of these cats may be registered as in 8.
 - 8.3. If a DNA certificate indicating freedom from the Colourpointed Gene is provided for the non-pointed offspring, it may be registered on the Supplementary Register without over-stamping.
 - 8.4. Any over-stamping can be removed on production of a DNA certificate indicating freedom from the Colourpointed Gene.
 - 8.5. Tipped Cats with a Pointed parent may be registered on the Supplementary Register, active or non-active, but registration papers will continue to carry the "carries Colourpointed" over-stamping for all subsequent generations until cleared by DNA testing.
 - 8.6. The GCCF require that such DNA tests are taken and verified against the cat's micro-chip number by a Veterinary Surgeon)
9. Any Self or Tortie BSH cat with a Silver BSH Parent will be registered on the Reference Register unless a request to register on the Supplementary and Non-Active Registers accompanies the registration application.

Appendix 1 *A study of the Agouti Genetics of the Red and Cream cat.*

The British Shorthair BAC has agreed to develop a research programme in conjunction with the DNA laboratory at Langford.

Terms of reference to follow.

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