

KORAT AND THAI REGISTRATION POLICY

A. FULL REGISTER

Blue Cats shall be registered as Korat (34) on the Full Register only if three generations (both their parents and the two preceding generations) are registered as Korat with Full or third generation Supplementary Registration.

The Registration Certificate of any Korat which is the offspring of a cat or cats which has/have proved by previous breeding to produce lilac cats, and of its descendants, shall be over stamped "MAY CARRY THE CHOCOLATE GENE", unless cleared by genetic test*.

B. SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTER

- i) Blue cats with two parents which are registered Korats, but where either or both parent(s) are first or second generation Supplementary Register or third generation Reference Register, shall be registered as Korat (34) on the Supplementary Register.
- ii) Blue cats with a parent which is registered as "Thai Lilac", as in Section C.i), shall be registered as Korat (34) on the Supplementary Register. The registration certificate of all such cats to be over stamped "CARRIES THE CHOCOLATE GENE". The registration certificates of subsequent blue offspring of such cats to be over stamped "MAY CARRY THE CHOCOLATE GENE", until cleared by test matings, or by genetic test*.
- iii) Blue cats with a parent which is registered as "Thai Blue Point", as in Section C.ii), shall be registered as Korat (34) on the Supplementary Register. The registration certificates of all such cats to be over stamped "CARRIES THE SIAMESE GENE" and the registration of their offspring to be over stamped "MAY CARRY THE SIAMESE GENE", until cleared by test matings, or by genetic test*.
- iv) Blue cats with a parent which is registered as Thai Lilac Point, as in Section D.ii), shall be registered as Korat (34) on the Supplementary Register. The registration certificate of all such cats to be over stamped "CARRIES THE CHOCOLATE GENE" and "CARRIES THE SIAMESE GENE". The registration certificates of subsequent offspring to be over stamped "MAY CARRY THE CHOCOLATE GENE" and "MAY CARRY THE SIAMESE GENE", until cleared by test matings, or by genetic test*.

C. EXPERIMENTAL REGISTER

- i) Cats that are lilac, born to parents who have in their pedigree within three generations only Korat (34), "Thai Lilac", "Thai Blue Point" or "Thai Lilac Point", shall be placed on the Experimental Register as "Thai Lilac".
- ii) Cats that are blue pointed, born to parents who have in their pedigree within three generation only Korat (34), "Thai Lilac", "Thai Blue Point" or "Thai Lilac Point", shall be placed on the Experimental Register as "Thai Blue Point".

D. REFERENCE REGISTER

- i) Korats from Thailand with an unregistered parent or parents shall be placed on the Reference Register.
- ii) Cats that are lilac pointed, born to parents who have in their pedigree within three generations only Korat (34), "Thai Lilac", "Thai Blue Point", or "Thai Lilac Point", shall be placed on the Reference Register and be described as "Thai Lilac Point", until such time as these cats may receive preliminary recognition.
- iii) Cats with any other registered breed, or any unregistered cat, within three generations (other than those allowed for in paragraph D.i)), shall be placed on the Reference Register as "of Korat type" without a breed number.

GM1/GM2 GANGLIOSIDOSIS TESTING SCHEME

A. ACTIVE REGISTER

Korats or Thai cats may be registered on the active register, at the breeder's request, only if:

- i) They have themselves been tested normal for GM1 and GM2 gangliosidosis. Veterinary Certification of test results is required*.
- ii) Both parents have been tested normal as in A.i)
- b) They are from parents deemed normal because of the results from the testing, as A.i), of cats on every pedigree line in previous generations. Pedigree line in this case refers to both parents or 4 grandparents, 8 great grandparents, 16 great- great-grandparents and so on, or any combination of the same which is inclusive of both the sire's and dam's ancestors.

B. GENETIC REGISTER

- i) Korats or Thai cats which have been genetically tested as carriers of GM1 or GM2 gangliosidosis shall be registered on the Genetic Register, or on the Non-Active Register if so requested by the breeder. Any such cats which are already registered on the Active Register shall be moved to the Genetic Register.
- ii) Korats or Thai cats which are not eligible for registration on the Active Register shall be registered on the genetic Register, or on the Non-Active Register if so requested by the breeder.
- iii) Offspring of cats registered on the Genetic Register may only be registered on the Active Register if they have themselves been tested genetically tested as normal for GM1 and GM2 gangliosidosis*.
- iv) All other offspring of cats registered on the Genetic Register shall be registered on the Genetic Register, or on the Non-Active Register if so requested by the breeder.

* Breeders who wish to prove their cats clear of carrying hereditary disease, or recessive colour/pattern genes, must have cats that are uniquely identifiable at the time of testing by microchip or tattoo; the number of which is noted on the cat's own veterinary records. This number must be submitted to the laboratory performing the test, and to GCCF when requesting register transfer or removal of over stamping.

Registration Policy Amendment

The words and final clause underlined are new additions to the Korat and Thai Registration Policy that will be proposed to Council in June. There will be an opportunity for KCA members to comment or ask questions at the AGM, though it is very straightforward.

The purpose is to allow breeders who choose to have their Korats genetically tested for the chocolate colour or siamese pattern genes an opportunity to submit the results to GCCF so that over stamping concerning possible carrier status can be removed. It's always been permitted that test mating can be used for this purpose, but this may be a long drawn out procedure, particularly for queens, producing kittens that are not ideal for some breeding programmes.

Because of this it's seldom used, so 'may carry the chocolate/siamese gene' notes go on for many generations. It's probable that most Korats who are possible carriers do not actually carry, particularly if their known ancestor who carried was many generations previous and there are no Thai Lilacs or Blue Points in the pedigree. Even in cases where there are Thais, it is only their actual blue progeny that are certain carriers. Further back and the odds lengthen.