



BREEDING & REGISTRATION RULES

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The UK FIFe member

1 General

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- 1.1.1 The Registrar is automatically a member of the Breeding, Health & Welfare Commission (in addition to the 4 commission members).

2 Pedigree Registrations

2.1 Principles

- 2.1.1 Any individual member wishing to use the registration facilities of Felis Britannica must belong to a Felis Britannica full member club, as a full member.
- 2.1.2 All applications will first be sent to their full member club who will forward them to the Felis Britannica Registrar. An SAE should be enclosed for acknowledgement of receipt.
- 2.1.3 All registrations, validations and other documents will be returned to the applicant through their full member club.
- 2.1.4 All registration applications must be accompanied by supporting original certified documents unless these have already been sent to the Felis Britannica Registrar. Details are given on the reverse of the current application form.

- 2.1.5 Registration fees will be charged at the current applicable rate.
- 2.1.6 If it is not known what supporting documents will be required, a search may be requested for which a fee will be charged.
- 2.1.7 Original documents will be returned to the applicant.
- 2.1.8 Original documents may be sent by Recorded Delivery or Special Delivery in which case they will be returned by the same method. The additional postage costs per package must be added to the fees. Documents sent by these methods may be subject to delays as immediate collection cannot be guaranteed.

3 Registration Procedures

3.1 Transfers

- 3.1.1 Cats or kittens which are already registered with another FIFe member or with a recognised non-FIFe registry, may be transferred into the Felis Britannica registry. A Register of Recognised Registries will be kept by the Felis Britannica Registrar.

3.2 Kitten Registrations

- 3.2.1 If the breeder has a cattery name registered with FIFe, each kitten name will include the breeder's cattery name as a prefix or suffix, with or without apostrophe as designated in the FIFe Book of Cattery Names.
- 3.2.2 If the breeder does not have a cattery name registered with FIFe, each kitten will be given a Felis Britannica administrative prefix.
- 3.2.3 The name of a kitten must differ enough from that of any other cat or kitten with the same prefix so as to not be easily confused.

- 3.2.4 A notification of all matings, together with a mating certificate signed by the owner of the stud and the queen, must be sent on the appropriate form to the Felis Britannica Registrar within 28 days of the first mating. An S.A.E. should be enclosed for acknowledgement.
- 3.2.5 A notification of all births, whether live or stillborn, must be sent on the Notification of Births form together with the current applicable fee to the Felis Britannica Registrar within 28 days of the birth. Breeders should indicate on this form whether each live kitten is to be registered or declared.
- 3.2.6 All notified births will be acknowledged with a report of all kittens declared. A pedigree will be issued for each kitten registered.
- 3.2.7 Before any kittens can be registered with Felis Britannica, the queen must be registered in the Felis Britannica Registry.
- 3.2.8 A queen which is not resident with its Felis Britannica registered owner will be regarded as still owned by its Felis Britannica registered owner who will remain responsible for all breeding decisions concerning that queen, and for the welfare of that queen.
- 3.2.9 Sires of kittens to be registered with Felis Britannica need not be registered with Felis Britannica, but if they are not so registered then the following are required:
- a) An original certified pedigree issued by a recognised registry showing at least three generations of ancestors, or as specified in the relevant breed policy.
 - b) A valid certificate of entirety. This is a veterinary certificate confirming that the testicles are normal and are both descended into the scrotal sac. The certificate should clearly show the registered name of the cat and its microchip number.
 - c) If the stud is not owned by the Felis Britannica registered owner of the queen, then a mating certificate signed by the registered owner of the stud is required.

d) If the stud is not resident with its registered owner, both the registered owner and the current keeper of the stud must sign the mating certificate.

3.2.10 When a stud cat is placed on loan with another breeder who is a member of a Felis Britannica club, the registered owner may give authority to the borrower to supervise matings and sign mating certificates on behalf of the registered owner while the stud is on loan. Two copies of this authorization signed by the owner and the borrower must be sent in advance to the owner's registering club (one of which will be forwarded to the Felis Britannica registrar) to be placed on record. A copy must also be available for inspection by the owner of any queen taken to the stud. When a stud is placed on loan, it is strongly recommended that a written loan agreement is signed by both parties. Felis Britannica cannot arbitrate in the event of a dispute.

3.3 *Restrictions*

3.3.1 At the time of first registration by the breeder, a cat or kitten may be declared as "not for breeding". No progeny of this cat may then be registered.

3.3.2 Cats or kittens transferred from another registry will retain any "not for breeding" limitations imposed by the other registry.

3.3.3 The Felis Britannica Breeding, Health & Welfare Commission may apply breeding restrictions to a cat or kitten under exceptional circumstances. No progeny of this cat may then be registered.

3.3.4 Only the person who imposed a "not for breeding" restriction on a cat or kitten may request it to be lifted.

3.3.5 The words 'Restricted – No progeny to be registered' will be used on FB pedigrees to indicate a cat is registered as not for breeding.

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4.1 *Domestic Cat Registrations*

- 4.1.1 Domestic Cats may be registered but without any ancestors.
- 4.1.2 All adult cats registered as Domestic Cats must be neutered unless being used as part of an authorised Experimental Breeding Programme.
- 4.1.3 Kittens from cats registered as Domestic Cats will not be registered unless this is in accordance with an authorised Experimental Breeding Programme.

4.2 *Experimental Breeding Programmes*

- 4.2.1 All applications for authorisation of an Experimental Breeding Programme must be made in writing to the Breeding, Health & Welfare Commission. Applications must contain the following:
 - a) Objectives of the programme.
 - b) Full details of the breeders and cats to be involved in the programme.
 - c) Details of the matings to be performed.
 - d) Timescales within which to achieve the objectives.
- 4.2.2 No matings must take place until after authorisation is granted.

- 4.2.3 Reports on the status of the authorised programme must be submitted to the Breeding Health & Welfare Commission at least every 6 months unless specified otherwise in the authorisation.

4.3 PKD Testing

- 4.3.1 All entire Persians and Exotics over 10 months of age which are imported from another registry must hold a valid PKD Test Certificate.
- 4.3.2 Export transfers will only be issued for Persians and Exotics over 10 months of age which hold a valid PKD Test Certificate.
- 4.3.3 Any Persian or Exotic kitten will be initially registered as “not for breeding” unless both its parents hold a valid PKD Test Certificate.
- 4.3.4 Restrictions can be removed at the request of the breeder if such a kitten is subsequently granted a valid PKD Test Certificate after the age of 10 months. Exceptions may be given by the Breeding, Health & Welfare Commission if felt appropriate.
- 4.3.5 If any cat of any breed is diagnosed with PKD by testing or by post mortem examination, the Felis Britannica Breeding, Health & Welfare Commission must be informed.

4.4 Microchipping

- 4.4.1 All breeding cats should be identified by microchip.

- 4.4.2 If a kitten is microchipped before being registered, its microchip code should be given on the registration form.
- 4.4.3 If a registered breeding cat or kitten is microchipped subsequent to being registered, a copy of the microchipping certificate should be sent to the Felis Britannica Registrar before any progeny is registered.
- 4.4.4 An exception is granted for males which are not registered with FIFe.
- 4.4.5 These provisions become mandatory on 1st January 2007.

5 Registrations Licenses, Training and Appointments

5.1 Club Pedigree Secretaries

- 5.1.1 Club Pedigree Secretaries will be appointed by the relevant club, and must be a full member of that club.
- 5.1.2 Training material will be provided on an ad-hoc basis by the Registrar, Deputy Registrar and by other competent persons appointed by the Breeding, Health & Welfare Commission as necessary.
- 5.1.3 A copy of the Procedures for Club Pedigree Secretaries will be provided to each candidate by the Felis Britannica Registrar.
- 5.1.4 Club Pedigree Secretaries must fulfil the following criteria:
 - a) Willing and able to process the paperwork quickly and efficiently.
 - b) Must have read and be able to demonstrate understanding of the Felis Britannica Procedures for Club Pedigree Secretaries.
 - c) Applicants will be expected to have a sufficient knowledge of the FIFe and Felis Britannica registration rules and the EMS codes, with or without referring to the written rules.

- d) Must be able to demonstrate the ability to reference a relevant section or subsection of the written rules or the EMS codes quickly.
- e) Applicants will be required to be fully competent in the use of computers and the use of the online registrations database for the checking of registration applications.
- f) Must have a good knowledge of the breeds recognised by FIFe including new breeds and varieties.
- g) Must have a good knowledge of colour and breed genetics and be able to demonstrate the ability to check the genotypes of kittens against their parents and ancestors.
- h) Must be willing and able to deal with registration enquiries from their club members.

5.1.5 Qualification for a Registrations License will be judged by means of a 2 hour written examination and a short verbal question and answer session. Examinations will be given by the Felis Britannica Registrar or Deputy Registrar.

5.1.6 In the event of a candidate failing the Licensing examination, a period of at least two months must elapse before the applicant can re-take the examination.

5.1.7 A failed candidate can re-take the Licensing examination no more than twice.

5.1.8 On passing of the Licensing examination a registrations license will be issued to the candidate's club for which an annual licensing fee will be paid to Felis Britannica.

5.1.9 Annual Registrations Licensing fees will be set by the Felis Britannica Executive Committee.

5.1.10 A qualified Club Pedigree Secretary will be expected to assist in the training of other members of their club to act in their stead in the event of emergency or incapacitation.

6 Registrar & Deputy Registrar

6.1 Registrar

- 6.1.1 The Registrar shall have full responsibility for the Felis Britannica Pedigree Book.
- 6.1.2 The Registrar shall be responsible for training the Deputy Registrar.
- 6.1.3 The Registrar shall be responsible for maintaining the Procedures for Club Pedigree Secretaries, and the Register of Recognised Registries.
- 6.1.4 In the event of disputes regarding registrations, the decision of the Registrar shall be final.

6.2 Deputy Registrar

- 6.2.1 At least one Deputy Registrar will be appointed who could process registrations data and issue pedigrees in the case of an emergency or incapacitation of the Registrar
- 6.2.2 The Deputy Registrar must be capable of handling the duties of the Registrar in case of emergency or incapacitation of the Registrar.
- 6.2.3 The Deputy Registrar will be required to assist in the training of Club Pedigree Secretaries.
- 6.2.4 The Deputy Registrar will automatically be a member of the Breeding, Health & Welfare Commission.

7 Registration Backup Procedures

7.1 Software and Data

- 7.1.1 Registration data must be regularly backed up and one copy each month will be placed in safe keeping independently of the Registrar.
- 7.1.2 At least one copy of the pedigree software programme including all associated scripts, subroutines and source codes will be placed in safe keeping independently of the Registrar.
- 7.1.3 .If required, at minimum 6 month intervals, a copy of the Felis Britannica registration data will be sent to the FIFe Secretariat, in the format specified by FIFe.