

REGISTRATION POLICY FOR SOMALI CATS (63L; 63S)

The term "Somali Type" shall be restricted to ticked cats which conform to the registration policy below and which are of a colour given full, provisional or preliminary recognition by the GCCF before 1st January 1995. Offspring of cats with the white spotting gene or Siamese restriction gene shall not be registered as Somalis on any register.

FULL REGISTER

On this register shall be Somalis with full or provisional recognition whose pedigrees contain 5 generations of full or provisional status Somalis only.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTER

On this register shall be Somalis with full or provisional recognition whose pedigrees have, within 5 generations, Somalis in preliminary status colours or Abyssinians of any colour.

EXPERIMENTAL REGISTER

On this register shall be Somalis at preliminary status from matings between Somalis or Abyssinians of any colour.

REFERENCE REGISTER

1. Shorthair offspring from SH Somali (63S) x SH Somali (63S) or SH Somali (63S) x Abyssinian (23) matings.
2. All colours of Somali not yet granted preliminary recognition.
3. Cats of Somali appearance which have within 5 generations on their pedigree, any breed other than Somali, Abyssinian or unregistered cats within 5 generations (but see above for restrictions to registration).

PYRUVATE KINASE (PK) DEFICIENCY TESTING SCHEME

A. ACTIVE REGISTER

All Somalis registered with the GCCF from 24th October 2007 may be registered on the Active Register, at the breeder's request, only if:

1. They themselves have been genetically tested as normal (clear) for PK deficiency. A Veterinary Certificate of the test results is required*.
2. Both parents have been tested normal (clear) as in A. 1
3. They are from parents deemed normal (clear) because of the results from the testing (as in A.1) 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

1. Somalis, which have been genetically tested as carriers of PK deficiency, shall be registered on the Genetic Register, or on the Non-Active Register if so requested by the breeder.
2. Somalis, which are not eligible for registration on the Active Register, shall be registered on the Genetic Register, or the Non-Active Register if so requested by the breeder.
3. Offspring of cats registered on the Genetic Register may only be registered on the Active Register if they have themselves been genetically tested as normal (clear) for PK Deficiency.
4. 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.

* Cats must be micro chipped for identification purposes and swab or blood tested by a Vet for the Veterinary Certificate for that cat to be valid for the Active Register. The Certificate may be downloaded from the Somali BAC website www.somalibac.do.uk or is obtainable from the Somali BAC Secretary.

The Somali BAC urges breeders to ensure all paperwork for the breed uses upper case letters for the "L" indicating the semi-longhaired Somalis (63L) and the "S" indicating shorthaired Somalis (63S). The letters indicating colour should be in lower case as at present (63La = a semi-longhaired sorrel Somali; 63Ss = a usual silver shorthaired Somali). A list of breed numbers for the different hair lengths is available on the Somali Cat Club Website www.somalibac.co.uk.

The Somali BAC recommends that shorthaired Somalis (63S) are mated to semi-longhaired Somalis (63L) in order to maintain the soft, fine texture of the coat and the gentle, generous head type that are such important features of the breed. It is for this reason that the shorthaired offspring of 63S x 63S or 63S x 23 matings are placed on the Reference Register and will not be eligible to be shown.