

# TONKINESE REGISTRATION POLICY

## BREED CODE TOS

21<sup>st</sup> February 2018

### BREEDS PERMITTED IN THE PEDIGREE OF TONKINESE CATS

1. **Tonkinese:** Tonkinese with the Burmese Colour Restriction (BCR), Tonkinese Colour Restriction (TCR) or Colourpointed Pattern (CPP) coat-pattern in the following colours: –
  - a. **Non-Agouti and Tabby** - Brown/Seal, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Cinnamon, Fawn, Caramel, Red, Cream or Apricot.
  - b. **Tortoiseshell and Tortie-Tabby** – Brown/Seal, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Cinnamon, Fawn and Caramel.
2. **Burmese and Siamese:** On their respective **Full** registers only, and only in the accepted Tonkinese colours and in accordance with the requirements of the Tonkinese registration policy given below.

### REQUIRED DNA TESTING

Cats to be tested shall be micro-chipped (the number to be recorded on the cat's veterinary records) and DNA tested as below. The microchip number shall be submitted to the laboratory performing the DNA tests and, once updated with the DNA test results, to the GCCF when requesting Active registration.

- a. In order to be registered as Active all second and subsequent generation male Tonkinese, shall be DNA tested for **both** the Burmese Colour Restriction ( $c^b c^b$ ) and the Colourpointed ( $c^s c^s$ ) coat patterns. The same is also strongly recommended for all second and subsequent generation female Tonkinese being registered as Active.
- b. In order to be registered as Active all first and subsequent generation male Tonkinese, shall be DNA tested negative for: Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA rdac), Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (PKDef), Burmese Hypokalemia and the Burmese Head Defect. The same is also strongly recommended for all female Tonkinese being registered as Active.
- c. To re-register a Tonkinese with a different coat-pattern its micro-chip number and DNA test results for **both** the Burmese Colour Restriction ( $c^b c^b$ ) and the Colourpointed ( $c^s c^s$ ) coat patterns must be submitted to the GCCF with the request for registration transfer.

If any hereditary disease, for which a practical and reliable test is available, becomes apparent in the Tonkinese the Registration Policy may be amended to require testing for that particular disease before any progeny may be registered as Active.

Although rare, the recessive white (blue eyed albino) gene is possible in Tonkinese. These cats may be more prone to eye problems such as strabismus and nystagmus and therefore breeding with such cats, or cats that carry the gene, is strongly discouraged. Any recessive white cats produced should be neutered and DNA testing used to ensure that the gene is not passed on by any related cats.

### REGISTRATION POLICY

#### **FULL REGISTER**

Fourth and subsequent generation Tonkinese with Championship status.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTER**

Tonkinese with Championship status that are:

1. Second (F2) generation Tonkinese with grandparents that are a Full registered Burmese mated with a Full registered Siamese
2. Third (F3) generation Tonkinese with great-grandparents that are a Full registered Burmese mated with a Full registered Siamese.

#### **REFERENCE REGISTER**

1. First generation (F1) Tonkinese with parents that are a Full registered Burmese mated with a Full registered Siamese.
2. Tonkinese from Thailand (where the Tonkinese is a native breed) with an unregistered parent or parents, DNA tested and confirmed positive for  $c^s c^b$  coat-pattern and negative for recessive long-hair. These cats will be treated as first generation Tonkinese, acceptable in the Tonkinese breeding program. The cats shall be

- micro-chipped prior to DNA testing; the microchip number shall be submitted to the laboratory performing the DNA tests and, once updated with the DNA test results, to the GCCF when requesting registration.
3. Second generation Tonkinese from a Tonkinese on the Supplementary or Full register mated with a Tonkinese in Point 2 of the Reference Register.
  4. Second generation Tonkinese from a mating of two first generation Tonkinese in point 2 of the Reference Register.
  5. Third generation Tonkinese from a mating of two Tonkinese on the Supplementary or Full registers, where one or more grandparents is a Tonkinese in Point 2 of this Reference Register.

**Note 1:** Progeny from **any other** matings will not be registered as Tonkinese and will be registered as 'Non-recognised Shorthair (XSH)'.

**Note 2:** All Red, Cream and Apricot Tonkinese with one or more Tabby parents must be registered as Tabby until proved otherwise by micro-chipping and DNA testing for the absence of the agouti gene. No cat may be registered as a Tabby unless it has an agouti parent.

**Note 3:** If a breeder believes that their Tonkinese has been incorrectly registered by the GCCF registrar they should inform the Tonkinese BAC as soon as possible with copies of supporting documentation (i.e. full pedigree and registration document of the cat in question).

**Note 4:** Following GCCF Council approval of the Tonkinese (BCR) and Tonkinese (CPP) in Preliminary status, Tonkinese currently registered on the Reference Register as Tonkinese Variants, and which comply with this registration policy, will be eligible for showing. Also, after 15/06/2016, second and third generation Tonkinese (F2 and F3) currently registered on the Reference Register that comply with this registration policy will be eligible for showing.