

# The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of Ireland

## GEMS SYSTEM – GCCFI SECTIONS & BREEDS

### SECTIONS & BREEDS

#### PERSIAN SECTION

|     |         |
|-----|---------|
| EXO | Exotic  |
| PER | Persian |

#### SEMI-LONGHAIR SECTION

|     |                          |
|-----|--------------------------|
| MCO | Maine Coon               |
| NEB | Nebelung                 |
| NFO | Norwegian Forest         |
| RAG | Ragdoll                  |
| RGM | Ragamuffin               |
| SBI | (Sacred) Birman          |
| SIB | Siberian                 |
| SOL | Somali Longhaired        |
| SOS | Somali Shorthaired       |
| TUV | Turkish                  |
|     | Turkish Vankedis = TUV w |

#### BRITISH SECTION

|     |                |
|-----|----------------|
| BRI | British        |
| MAN | Manx           |
| SRL | Selkirk Rex LH |
| SRS | Selkirk Rex SH |

#### FOREIGN SECTION

|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| ABY | Abyssinian                |
| ASH | Asian Shorthair           |
| ALH | Asian Longhair (Tiffanie) |
| AUM | Australian Mist           |
| BEN | Bengal                    |
| CRX | Cornish Rex               |
| DRX | Devon Rex                 |
| KOR | Korat                     |
| KMA | Khao Manee                |
| LPL | LaPerm Longhair           |
| LPS | LaPerm Shorthair          |
| MAU | Egyptian Mau              |
| OCI | Ocicat                    |
| RUS | Russian                   |
| SIN | Singapura                 |
| SNO | Snowshoe                  |
| SOK | Sokoke                    |
| SPH | Sphynx                    |
| TAI | GCCF Thai                 |
| TOS | Tonkinese SH              |
| TOL | Tonkinese LH              |

#### BURMESE SECTION

|     |         |
|-----|---------|
| BUR | Burmese |
|-----|---------|

#### ORIENTAL SECTION

|     |                    |
|-----|--------------------|
| OLH | Oriental Longhair  |
| OSH | Oriental Shorthair |

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#### SIAMESE SECTION

|     |          |
|-----|----------|
| SIA | Siamese  |
| BAL | Balinese |

#### HOUSEHOLD PET SECTION

|     |                          |
|-----|--------------------------|
| NPL | Non Pedigree LH/SLH      |
| NPS | Non Pedigree Shorthaired |
| PPL | Pedigree Pet LH/SLH      |
| PPS | Pedigree Pet Shorthaired |

Household pet GEMS codes are just one of the above regardless of colour(s) or pattern. So for example all shorthaired pedigree pets have the same GEMS code; PPS.

#### NON –RECOGNISED BREEDS

|     |                   |
|-----|-------------------|
| XSH | Non-Recognised SH |
| XLH | Non-Recognised LH |

### COLOURS

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| a      | blue   |
| b      | chocolate                                    |
| c      | lilac  |
| d      | red <sup>1</sup>                             |
| e      | cream  |
| em     | apricot                                      |
| f      | black tortie <sup>2</sup>                    |
| g      | blue tortie                                  |
| h      | chocolate tortie                             |
| j      | lilac tortie                                 |
| k      | caramel tortie                               |
| m      | caramel                                      |
| n      | black <sup>2</sup>                           |
| o      | cinnamon <sup>3</sup>                        |
| p      | fawn   |
| q      | cinnamon <sup>3</sup> tortie                 |
| r      | fawn tortoiseshell                           |
| s      | silver/smoke                                 |
| w      | white  |
| x      | any unrecognised colour                      |
| y      | golden                                       |
| nt     | amber (NFO only)                             |
| at     | light amber (NFO only)                       |
| dt (d) | red based on amber (NFO only) <sup>4</sup>   |
| et (e) | cream based on amber (NFO only) <sup>4</sup> |
| ft     | amber tortie (NFO only)                      |
| gt     | light amber tortie (NFO only)                |

<sup>1</sup> Auburn in TUV.

<sup>2</sup> Also seal in pointed cats; brown in BUR, TOS & TOL; usual in ABY, SOL & SOS; bronze in MAU & tawny in OCI.

<sup>3</sup> Sorrel in ABY, SOL & SOS

<sup>4</sup> These codes are used to register the genotype of the red/cream progeny from two amber cats, together with their phenotype in brackets.

### PATTERNS

#### WITH WHITE

|    |                                       |
|----|---------------------------------------|
| 01 | van                                   |
| 02 | harlequin (high white)                |
| 03 | bicolour <sup>5</sup>                 |
| 04 | mitt (RAG only)                       |
| 05 | snowshoe (SNO only)                   |
| 09 | unspecified white/white spotting gene |

<sup>5</sup> Default for cats “with white” including tortie & white, except NFO (use 09).

#### SHADED & TIPPED

|    |                          |
|----|--------------------------|
| 11 | shaded                   |
| 12 | tipped                   |
| 14 | with mantle <sup>6</sup> |

<sup>6</sup> As PER Pewters

#### TABBY PATTERNS

|    |                                |
|----|--------------------------------|
| 21 | unspecified tabby <sup>7</sup> |
| 22 | classic/marble/blotched tabby  |
| 23 | mackerel tabby                 |
| 24 | spotted tabby                  |
| 25 | ticked tabby                   |

<sup>7</sup> 21 used for all tabby pointed cats or “High White” cats (01 or 02). Also used for any other Tabby cats where the tabby pattern is not (yet) clear.

#### OTHER PATTERNS

|    |   |
|----|---|
| 31 | Burmese colour restriction                |
| 32 | Tonkinese colour restriction <sup>8</sup> |
| 33 | Himalayan (pointed)                       |

<sup>8</sup> Also referred to as Darker Points.

### EYE COLOURS

|    |                          |
|----|--------------------------|
| 61 | blue eyed                |
| 62 | orange eyed <sup>9</sup> |
| 63 | odd eyed                 |
| 64 | green eyed               |
| 65 | Burmese eye colour       |
| 66 | Tonkinese eye colour     |
| 67 | Siamese eye colour       |

<sup>9</sup> Also amber in Turkish.

An eye colour code must be included for:

- all White cats.
- “High White” cats (01 or 02) unless colourpointed (when Siamese eye colour is inferred).
- Where the GEMS code for a cat makes a difference to its class e.g. Chinchilla vs Cameo in the Persian section

### BREED SPECIFICS

#### TAIL CODES (MAN only)

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| 51  | rumpy – no tail   |
| 52* | rumpy riser – tiny rise in the bone at the end of the spine |
| 53* | stumpy – short tail   |
| 54* | longie – a full or nearly full length tail                  |

\* may be bred from but may not be shown.

