

SECTION 1

REGISTRATION OF CATS/KITTENS

REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Active and Non-Active Registers

1. Only cats/kittens required for breeding purposes should be registered on the Active Register.
2. The Non-Active Register should be used for cats not required for breeding. Progeny of these cats will not be registered.
3. Only the breeder may apply to transfer a cat from the Non-Active to the Active Register on payment of the appropriate fee. The Executive Committee may order a transfer in exceptional circumstances where the breeder is no longer available.
4. ONLY the registered owner may ask to transfer a cat from the Active to the Non-Active Register on payment of the appropriate fee. The Executive Committee may order a transfer in exceptional circumstances where the owner is no longer available

All forms for use in the above are available on www.gccfi.com under Forms

Litter Registrations

5. Applications will not be accepted for kittens under the age of one calendar month.
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7. Kittens may be registered Active or Non-Active as appropriate.
8. A Veterinary Certificate of Entirety for a stud cat must be lodged with the Registrar before his first litter will be registered.
9. The following information must be given for registration purposes:
 - a. The number of kittens in the litter.
 - b. The breed and apparent colour of each kitten.
 - c. The sex of each kitten.
 - d. Date of birth.
 - e. Name of each kitten.
 - f. Breeder's prefix (if appropriate)
 - g. A Mating Certificate is required if the breeder is not the registered owner of the sire.
10. The owner of the stud cat must provide a Certificate of Mating to the owner of the queen upon collection of the queen.
11. A Certificate of Mating must state the registered name, breed/breed description and registration number of both the sire and dam, the dates of mating and include 3 generations of pedigree. It must be signed by the registered owner(s) of the sire. In the case of joint owners one signature will suffice.

Transfer of Registration

12. **The GCCFI requires that no kittens be permitted to go to a new home before 13 weeks of age. At least seven days prior to this, the kitten must have completed a full course of vaccinations, including a health check, given by a Veterinary Surgeon. The Breeder must ensure that the kittens are house-trained, inoculated and in good general health.**

In order to protect the person purchasing a pedigree kitten/cat the Council requires that all kittens/cats are registered when being offered for sale as a pedigree. Breeders/Owners when selling or transferring a kitten/cat must provide the new owners with a full set of papers including all GCCFI documents as listed below. Breeders/Owners must not deface GCCFI documents in any way.

13. New Owners when collecting their kitten/cat should receive the following:
- a. Pedigree Form** When a kitten/cat is advertised as a pedigree kitten or cat the Breeder/Owner shall at the time of sale provide the purchaser with a properly completed pedigree signed by the Breeder, carrying three generations at least, showing all breed numbers, if available, and registration numbers of all cats named on the pedigree, including the registration number and the breed number of the kitten/cat being offered for sale. It should also include the vendor's name and address.
 - b. Transfer of Ownership Form (pink)** This should be signed by the Breeder /present Owner who should also fill in the name and address of the new owner in the space provided. In doing this the kitten is protected from being passed on to another party without the breeder's knowledge. The new owner should sign the Transfer Form and return it with the relevant fee to the Registrar of the GCCFI to complete officially the Transfer of Ownership.
 - c. Vaccination Card** signed by the breeder's/owner's Veterinary Surgeon confirming that the kitten/cat has been fully vaccinated and states the date the last vaccination was completed. If the kitten/cat has been microchipped, the number should also be supplied.
 - d. A Copy of the Code of Ethics for Breeders and Owners**

Application for Prefix Registration

- 14. The name, including the registered prefix, may contain a maximum of 26 letters (including spaces) and not less than 2 and not more than 4 words.
- 15. A prefix may only be used to register cats bred and registered by the prefix owner
- 16. The breeder of a kitten is the registered owner(s) of the dam on the date of birth of the kitten. In the case of a joint prefix the dam must be registered in the joint ownership of the prefix holders at the time of the kitten's birth. When the prefix is owned by a single owner, the dam must be owned by that single owner only to be valid for use.

Application for Non-Prefix Registrations

- 17. All non-prefix applications will commence with an administrative prefix which will be agreed by the GCCFI and will change from time to time as considered necessary.
- 18. The name, including the administrative prefix, may contain no more than a maximum of 26 letters (including spaces) and not less than 2 and not more than 4 words.

PREFIX APPLICATIONS

- 19. To apply for a prefix a person must be a member of a GCCFI affiliated club. **To be confirmed by the relevant Club Secretary.**
- 20. The granting of prefixes is at the discretion of the Council and their decision is final.
- 21. Applications for Prefix, **which must be on the approved form**, are sent in the first place to GCCF for a computer check **of existing prefixes**. Because of the vast number registered in the UK ten alternatives should be given.
- 22. The following will not be accepted as a name or part of a name:
 - a. Names of living people
 - b. Names which primarily registered business or trade names.
 - c. Names which are primarily those of towns, countries or districts comprising a wide area
 - d. Numbers in figures or letters (John 111, Robert Fourth, Louis Quatorze, Sean a Cuig etc)
 - e. Repetition of words previously registered by the same person or under the same prefix except recognised appropriate breed colour words in English or Irish.
 - f. Hyphens, apostrophes etc.

- g. GCCFI Show titles (Supreme, Champion, Premier, Tara, Hibernian etc.)
 - h. Breed names as part of prefix (not allowed by GCCF) so will not be accepted.
23. No cat once registered can have the name changed in any particular other than if it has been incorrectly sexed, and at the discretion of the Executive Committee whose decision is final.

REGISTRATION POLICIES

24. A cat whose sire and dam are registered with GCCF I is also eligible for registration in accordance with the current GCCF Registration Policy for the breed in question. GCCFI follows the GCCF Registration Policies.

Cats from Registering Bodies other than GCCF

25. Cats already registered with another registering body will be eligible for registration with the GCCFI by paying the appropriate fee and supplying the following:
- a. Original of Certified Pedigree showing a minimum of 4 generations of breeding certified as correct by the other Registering Body. This certified pedigree must be in accordance with the current GCCF Registration Policy for the breed in question (**see www.gccf.org**).
 - b. A copy of transfer of ownership/registration certificate to the applicant whichever appropriate
 - c. A GCCFI Application to Register form completed and fee enclosed.
 - d. Copy of Pet Passport.
26. When a cat is already registered with another registering body its name will not be changed in any way.
27. An indicator will be used after the name of the cat to show that the name has been imported from another registering body.

Cats/Kittens first registered by GCCF:

28. When cats first registered by GCCF are subsequently registered by GCCFI having followed all the rules governing such registration GCCFI, in acknowledgement of GCCF requirements agree that we:
- a. Require a certified **4 generation** pedigree, before importing a cat onto our register.
 - b. Respect the validity of the GCCF Non-Active registration.
 - c. Require all cats at any shows we licence and/or organise to be vetted-in.
 - d. Maintain a rejection list and will supply the GCCF with a copy of this list.

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30. If registration with GCCFI is sought for a cat first registered by GCCF (or other recognised registering body) the following must be supplied:
- a. Original copy of a 4 generation certified pedigree from the registering body. (This will be returned to owner on completion of the process)
 - b. A copy of GCCF (or other) transfer to the new owner. Apart from confirming the ownership this document supplies the names of the owners of sires and dams necessary to complete our registration document and also confirms the status, i.e. active or non-active (which the certified pedigree does not specify)
 - c. Application for Certified Pedigrees for entire male cats or kittens must be accompanied by a Veterinary Certificate of Entirety.