

## REGISTRATION RULES

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*These rules are in addition to the FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules  
and should be read in conjunction with those.*

*A link is available on the Felis Britannica and FIFe Websites.*

### 1 Pedigree Registrations

#### 1.1 Principles

- 1.1.1 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.
- 1.1.2 All applications will first be sent to their full member club. Correct and complete paperwork will be sent to Felis Britannica Registrar within seven (7) working days of receipt. If paperwork is incorrect the pedigree Secretary will notify the individual member within seven (7) working days of receipt. Acknowledgement of the application will be made by electronic mail or SAE by the club pedigree Secretary, to the individual member.
  - 1.1.2a The Registrar will send to the FB Treasurer a summary of applications processed by each club on a quarterly basis, or when requested to do so by the Treasurer.
  - 1.1.3 On receipt of complete and correct paperwork, which must include a fully completed registration form, the Registrar will process and return registrations within 25 working days.
    - 1.1.3a Incomplete or incorrectly supplied paperwork will be referred back to the club pedigree Secretary by the Registrar within seven (7) working days. Paperwork that will be checked on receipt will be those items indicated as required on the individual application form. Correctness of the information supplied will not be verified until the registrations are fully processed.
    - 1.1.3c All registrations, validations and other documents will be returned to the applicant through their full member club. The club pedigree Secretary will record when the completed applications are returned to the club member in case of query.
  - 1.1.4 All registration applications must be accompanied by supporting original certified pedigree, and transfer documents unless these have already been sent to the Felis Britannica Registrar. All other documents supplied, may be by electronic means, if wished. Details are given on the reverse of the current application form.
  - 1.1.5 Registration fees will be charged at the current applicable rate.

- 1.1.6 If it is not known what supporting documents will be required, advice should be sought from the club pedigree Secretary.
- 1.1.7 Original documents will be returned to the applicant.
- 1.1.8 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.

## **2 Registration Procedures**

### ***2.1 Transfers***

- 2.1.1 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.

### ***2.2 Kitten Registrations***

- 2.2.1 All kittens bred by a member must first be registered in Felis Britannica (FIFe) and a Felis Britannica pedigree issued.
- 2.2.2 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, as registered in the FIFe Book of Cattery Names.
- 2.2.3 If the breeder does not have a cattery name registered with FIFe, each kitten will be given a Felis Britannica administrative prefix. If the breeder does not hold a cattery name, a maximum of two litters may be registered using an administrative prefix as determined by Felis Britannica. The breeder must apply for a FIFe cattery name before breeding a third and subsequent litter.
- 2.2.4 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.
- 2.2.5 A pedigree will be issued for each kitten registered.
- 2.2.6 To register kittens with Felis Britannica, the queen must be registered in the Felis Britannica Registry. The stud must have a certificate of entirety lodged with Felis Britannica.
- 2.2.7 A queen who 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.
- 2.2.8 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 where possible.

- 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.
- e) proof of the ownership of the stud

2.2.9 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 authorisation 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.

2.2.10 All offspring of FB registered queens must be registered with FB by the age of 8 months.

### ***2.3 Restrictions***

- 2.3.1 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.
- 2.3.2 Cats or kittens transferred from another registry will retain any "not for breeding" limitations imposed by the other registry.
- 2.3.3 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.
- 2.3.4 Only the breeder may request the lifting of any breeding restriction.
- 2.3.5 The words 'Restricted – No progeny to be registered' will be used on FB pedigrees to indicate a cat is registered as not for breeding.

### ***2.4 Domestic Cat Registrations***

- 2.4.1 Domestic Cats may be registered but without any ancestors.
- 2.4.2 All cats over ten (10) months or age registered as Domestic Cats must be neutered unless being used as part of an authorised Experimental Breeding Programme.
- 2.4.3 Kittens from cats registered as Domestic Cats will not be registered unless this is in accordance with an authorised Experimental Breeding Programme.

### ***2.5 Experimental Breeding Programmes***

- 2.5.1 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.

2.5.2 No matings must take place until after authorisation is granted.

2.5.3 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.

## **2.6 *Compulsory PKD Testing***

2.6.1 All entire Persians and Exotics over 10 months of age which are imported from another registry must hold a valid PKD Test Certificate.

2.6.2 Export transfers will only be issued for Persians and Exotics over 10 months of age which hold a valid PKD Test Certificate.

2.6.3 Any Persian or Exotic kitten will be initially registered as “not for breeding” unless both its parents hold a valid PKD Test Certificate.

2.6.4 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.

2.6.5 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.

## **2.7 *Microchipping***

2.7.1 All breeding cats must be identified by microchip.

2.7.2 A copy of the microchipping certificate, or other official document showing the cats name and microchip number, must be sent to the Felis Britannica Registrar, via the members own club Pedigree Secretary, before any progeny is registered.  
It is recommended that on all official documents, the cats registered name is used, along with the pet name, if so wished.

2.7.3 An exception is granted for males which are not registered with FIFe.