

from the British Shorthair Breed Advisory Committee

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO SELF / COLOURPOINTED BSH REGISTRATION POLICY

Breeders of Self and Tortie British Shorthairs with Colourpointed BSHs should note that the registration policy for such cats which have a Colourpointed BSH parent has now been amended (17/2/10) to allow more flexibility for their use for showing and, to some extent for breeding by the use of Genetic (DNA) testing.

Self or Tortie cats with Colourpointed parents may still be registered on the Supplementary Register and the Non-Active Register as before and may be shown.

Self or Tortie cats with a Colourpointed parent which are required for breeding may be registered on the Active Register and will no longer be put on the Reference Register but will be put on the Supplementary Register. They may then be shown and bred from.

These cats will not be registered on the normal active register but will be registered on the GENETIC Register as cats allowed to be bred from.

Their Colourpointed offspring will be registered in the normal way on the Full or Supplementary Registers depending on the status of their ancestry.

Any Self or Tortie kittens from these cats which are registered on the Genetic Register will continue to be registered on the genetic register and be treated in the same way i.e. they may be shown and bred from and Colourpointed offspring registered normally.

This will increase the number of Self or Tortie cats available for Colourpointed breeding.

Should the breeder/owner of such Self or Tortie cats on the Genetic register have their kitten/cat tested and found to be clear of the Colour Restriction gene, an application to the GCCF accompanied by a certificate with full details of the cat (either at the time of registering or at a later date), will allow it to be transferred to the to the normal Active Register without any restrictions.

The Certificate provided in these circumstances to the GCCF must be from a test sample provided and certified by a Vet and confirmed by microchip number.

Should any breeder wish to determine the genetic makeup of their cat at a slightly cheaper rate, a mouth swab DNA test sent to one of the recognised DNA testing labs in this country or aboard will cost in the region of £30, for their own information only.

Any breeder who needs further information should contact any of the British Shorthair Clubs or contact the BAC Secretary at dgoadby@aol.com

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