

TONKINESE REGISTRATION POLICY

BREED NUMBER 74

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, Caramel, Red, Cream or Apricot.
 - b. **Tortoiseshell and Tortie-Tabby** – Brown/Seal, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac and Caramel.
2. **Burmese and Siamese:** On their respective **Full** registers but only in the accepted Tonkinese colours and in accordance with the requirements of the Tonkinese registration policy given below.

DNA TESTING

As of 1st January 2014, in order to be registered as Active all second and subsequent generation male Tonkinese, apart from those listed below, shall be micro-chipped (the number to be recorded on the cat's veterinary records) and DNA tested for colourpoint restriction i.e. for **both** the Burmese and Siamese coat-patterns ($c^b c^b$ and $c^s c^s$). The microchip number shall be submitted to the laboratory performing the DNA coat-pattern tests and, once updated with the DNA test results, to the GCCF when requesting registration. The same is also strongly recommended for all second and subsequent generation female Tonkinese being registered as Active.

This DNA testing is required for all males with the exception of progeny from the following matings:

- Tonkinese (BCR) x Tonkinese (BCR), all progeny to be registered as Tonkinese (BCR)
- Tonkinese (CPP) x Tonkinese (CPP), all progeny to be registered as Tonkinese (CPP)
- Tonkinese (BCR) x Tonkinese (CPP), all progeny to be registered as Tonkinese (TCR)

Any Tonkinese registered with the wrong coat-pattern shall only be allowed to transfer once to a different coat-pattern. The cat's micro-chip number and DNA test results, for colourpoint restriction, shall 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 prevalent 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

Tonkinese with Championship or Provisional status that have only Tonkinese in their pedigree within three (3) preceding generations.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTER

Tonkinese with Championship or Provisional status that have in their pedigree, within three (3) preceding generations, only Tonkinese **and either of the following:** -

1. Tonkinese born before 1st January 1997 with a Full registered Burmese **or** Full registered Siamese parent.
2. Tonkinese born before 1st January 1999 with a Full registered Burmese **and** Full registered Siamese parent.

EXPERIMENTAL REGISTER

Tonkinese with Preliminary Recognition that have in their pedigree, within three (3) preceding generations, only Tonkinese **and either of the following:** -

1. Tonkinese born before 1st January 1997 with a Full registered Burmese **or** Full registered Siamese parent.
2. Tonkinese born before 1st January 1999 with a Full registered Burmese **and** Full registered Siamese parent.

REFERENCE REGISTER

1. Tonkinese with the BCR or CPP coat-patterns registered as Tonkinese Variants (i.e. prior to GCCF acceptance in Preliminary status – 26th June 2013).
2. Tonkinese born on or between 1st January 1997 and 31st December 2006 * from a Tonkinese mated with a Full registered Burmese **or** a Full registered Siamese.
3. Tonkinese born after 31st December 1998 from a mating of Full registered Burmese **and** Full registered Siamese.
4. Tonkinese born after 31st December 1998 that have in their pedigree, within three (3) preceding generations, any Full registered Burmese **or** Full registered Siamese.

* **Note 1:** Progeny, born after 31st December 2006 from the mating of a Tonkinese-with any other breed (including Burmese and Siamese) will not be registered as Tonkinese and will be registered as 'No Recognised Breed'.

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.