

REGISTRATION GUIDE

The CATZ Inc. Central Registry aims to provide as many user-friendly services as possible and to continue to develop new services over time. The focus at the registry is on:

- Friendly interaction with members and clients.
- Adoption of innovative systems that cater for the needs of members.
- Placing a high value on the integrity of all data within its database.
- No compromise on quality in the pursuit of excellence
- Integrated systems and data.

1. THE REGISTERS

The Registry is comprised of a suite of registers.

These include:

FULL REGISTER

Here, all championship, interim and provisional breeds of cats are registered, provided that they fulfill the current rules for full registration, which require that a cat have a full three generations of pedigree with no unknowns.

EXPERIMENTAL REGISTER

Where cats bred within experimental breeding programs for either breeds or colours which are not recognized, may be registered and advance generation by generation according to criteria approved for the specific breed or colour breeding program. Some breeds will qualify for Championship competition while others must be shown only in NBC (New Breed & Colour classes). Likewise, there may be cats registered in this register which ARE recognized breeds and or colours, but which DO NOT have three FULL generations preceding them with NO unknowns.

HOUSEHOLD PET REGISTER

Where only Household Pet/Companion cats may be registered, OR cats with some known pedigree. All applications shall be for NEUTERED or SPAYED cats, **with the only exception being a Generation One Domestic cat which is part of a breeding program licensed by CATZ under a CATZ registered prefix.**

GENEALOGICAL REGISTER

The CATZ National Genealogical Database. (Under development).

This register shall provide genealogical data, for pedigree research, and have such features as sire/dam information, including historical show data and photos of predecessors, as well as relevant identity, genetic and health information.

Data submission forms shall soon be available on-line. You may submit information such as your cats Microchip number, your cats blood group, any known inherited genetic conditions or colour information, or show information or photographs.

2. CURRENT REGISTRY SERVICES:

2.1 PREFIX/CATTERY NAME REGISTRATION

Breeders may elect to apply to register an existing Cattery name already approved by another Registry, with CATZ, OR may choose to register a new Prefix/Cattery name. Prefixes, once approved, remain for the exclusive use of the registered owner for life. NO RENEWALS are required, but in order to use the prefix, the holder must be a current financial member of CATZ Inc.

2.2 LITTER REGISTRATION

Similar to CFA and TICA, it is necessary to litter register first, if ANY kitten is to be registered either now or in the future. This rule applies even if there is only one living kitten and/or if one or more kittens are being individually registered. This litter registration records the breeding of a specific sire and dam with a specified number of progeny resulting on a specified date. If registering individuals at the same time, you may elect to transfer these individuals to new owners using the same form at the same time.

2.3 INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

Individual registration can be done for a single cat registered with another association, by providing a copy of the cat's Certificate of Registration (verifying ownership) and a certified pedigree for cats imported into New Zealand, or a copy Pedigree for cats registered within New Zealand. You may also register your Household Pets (Companion Cats) individually.

2.4 TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

For any cats registered with CATZ Inc. A \$5.00 fee applies. **For an extra \$5.00 a four generation pedigree will be provided by the Registry which will be sent to your new owner along with the Transfer.**

2.5 LEASES

Record the lease of any cat registered with CATZ Inc. A \$10.00 Lease Fee applies. **Lease must be signed by all parties involved.**

2.6 CATTERY NAME SUFFIXES

Breeders with a CATZ Inc. registered prefix, may, when having cats transferred to them may, for a nominal fee, request that their Prefix/Cattery name be attached to the cat's existing registered name as a SUFFIX prefaced by the word "of". Any existing suffixes will be removed from the name within the register and the new suffix added. Likewise, each new owner with a CATZ Inc. registered Prefix/Cattery name shall have the same option.

e.g. If your cattery name was ENNZED and you purchased a cat named Highwinds Betty Boop, her name could be changed to: Highwinds Betty Boop of Ennzied.

2.7 BREED COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING

If you hold a CATZ Inc registered prefix and have a CATZ Inc. registered breeding cat, you qualify for membership to a Breed Council. ONLY MEMBERS of Breed Councils may vote on additions or alterations to Breed Standards, submitted to the Breed Council in ballot form by the Board of Directors.

2.8 CHAMPIONSHIP CLAIM CONFIRMATIONS

Fill in a Claim Form for Championship confirmation after shows and have your request processed through the Central Registry. Receive a confirmation by email which you can print off and present to the Master Clerk at any subsequent show as proof of qualification for Grand points and receive the hard copy Certificate via regular mail.

2.9 OPTION TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD

You can either:

1. Print out blank forms provided on-line, or from the CATZ Inc. Almanac Reference CD Rom, fill them out, attach a cheque and mail to us for processing. OR

2. Complete the forms on-line, or on the CATZ Inc. Almanac Reference CD Rom, sending them to us electronically along with your Credit Card details. We will email you a receipt showing an itemized description of services provided and confirmation of charges.

2.10 ENTER CATZ INC. SHOWS ONLINE

Access our Affiliated Club show schedules on-line and be able to complete a Show Entry Form and pay by Credit Card. Receive an Entry Confirmation by email.

3. PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE REGISTRATION SYSTEM

3.1 A GENETIC BASED REGISTRY

The main focus by the founding membership was that if adopting or establishing a Registration system, it would need to be one that was based upon a GENETIC foundation. With this in mind, a decision was made to attempt to combine what was perceived at the time to be the best features of both the CFA and TICA systems, allowing for any unique idiosyncrasies associated with historical New Zealand data.

3.2 COLOUR DIVISIONS & CATEGORIES

A chart showing these Divisions & Categories is attached. (See attachment (a))

4. PRACTICALITIES OF THE REGISTRATION SYSTEM

4.1 COMPONENTS OF YOUR REGISTRATION NUMBER

Your cat's complete Registration number is composed of the following segments:

- **Breed Number**
- **Colour Number** or **Colour & Pattern Number** (where applicable)
- **Pattern Marker** (if applicable)
- **Variant Marker** (if applicable)
- **Litter Number** (year of registration and litter number for that year)
- **Sibling Number** (indicating which individual from a litter)
- **Genetic Marker**

Example One: 10019W-20144-4H

10, indicates Persian Breed.

Breed Number

019, indicates Black Tortie Female

Colour Number

W indicates (with white) or "Bi-Colour"

Pattern Marker

20144, indicates year 2002, Litter number 144.

Litter Number

-4, indicates this was the fourth kitten in the litter.

Sibling Number

"H", indicates that the cat has at least ONE cat in its 6 generation pedigree which is POINTED pattern.

Genetic Marker

Example Two: 50062-10302-3C

50, indicates Siamese Breed.

062, indicates Lilacpoint Male.

10302, indicates year 2001, Litter number 302.

-3, indicates this was the third kitten in the litter.

"C", indicates that although a Siamese, this cat would be considered a COLOURPOINT SHORTHAIR by The Cat Fanciers Association as it has an ORIENTAL outcross within the first 6 generations.

Example Three: 30107VT-21115-2P

30, indicates the Scottish Fold Breed.

107, indicates Brown Tabby Female.

"VT" indicates that this is a VARIANT or PERK-EARED FOLD.

21115, indicates 2002 as year of registration and litter number 1115 of that year.

"P", indicates "POLYGENIC" or carrying more than one recessive trait in its 6 generation pedigree.

4.2 BREED NUMBERING

Instead of adopting the Breed Numbering system of the NZCF, CATZ elected to create a Breed numbering system in COMBINATION with the cats full REGISTRATION NUMBER, similar to those numbering systems used by CFA. With this in mind, breeds were grouped to allow for gaps, so that there was allowance made for Breeds not yet currently recognized or which were genetically possible. (i.e, Longhair or Shorthair versions of existing breeds which are not currently in existence). **The table for these breed numbers may be found in this Reference Manual under the Breed & Colour Numbering Charts. (See attachment (b))**

The following initial basis for Colour Division recognition was therefore adopted. You will find this description also in the front two pages of the CATZ Inc. Standards of Excellence.

4.3 COLOUR NUMBERING CHARTS

Take a look at the Colour number tables in the appropriate section of the attached charts.. You will note that cats of the same basic genetic makeup, are allocated similar numbering attributes.

Example One:

Lets take the obvious. Note that **ALL MALE CATS** have colour numbers ending in an **EVEN number**, while **ALL FEMALE CATS** have colour numbers ending in an **ODD number**. So by reading a Breed & Colour number and noting this, you will automatically know if the cat is male or female.

Example Two:

Now look at a specific COLOUR. Say RED. Note that in the Solid Number list a Red male has the colour number 014. You then find that ALL RED MALES, regardless of breed, ALL end with the colour number 014. ie. An Oriental Red is 52014, a Persian is 10014, a Manx is 80014 and so forth. Similarly all Red Females end with the number 015, so an Oriental Red female is 52015, a Persian Red female is 10015 and so forth.

Example Three

Taking the above sample further. now add another genetic factor. Let's say we are talking about RED TABBIES. All Tabby colours are prefaced in the colour numbering system in the 100 series of numbers. So while a Red Solid male carries the colour number 014, a Red Tabby male carries the colour number 114. So let's stick with one breed and see where this takes us. A Persian (Breed Number 10) Red self male is 10014, a Persian Red-self female is 10015, a Persian Red Tabby Male is 10114 and a Persian Red Tabby female is 10115.

Example Four:

Now let us add other genetic factors.

SOLID COLOURS

Red Persian Male	10014	Red Persian Female	10015
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TABBIES

Red Tabby Persian Male	10114	Red Tabby Persian Female	10115
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SMOKES

Red Smoke Persian Male	10414	Red Smoke Persian Female	10415
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Example Five:

Then just when you think you have the hang of it, we add another layer of factors, the pointing gene. So for every colour number so far, add 50 to the colour number to get the corresponding POINTED COLOUR NUMBER.

Red Oriental Male	52014	Redpoint Siamese Male	50064
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Red Exotic Male	11014	Redpoint Exotic Male	11064
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Red Exotic Female	11015	Redpoint Exotic Female	11065
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Example Six:

Now **combine** the **Pointing Factors** in example Five with the **colour combinations** in example Four.

Red Exotic Male	11014	Redpoint Exotic Male	11064
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Red Exotic Female	11015	Redpoint Exotic Female	11065
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Red Tabby Exotic Male	11114	Red Tabbypoint Exotic Male	11164
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Red Tabby Exotic Female	11115	Red Tabbypoint Exotic Female	11165
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Red Smoke Exotic Male	11414	Red Smokepoint Exotic Male	11464
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Red Smoke Exotic Female	11415	Red Smokepoint Exotic Female	11465
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So as you can see, the combining of Breed Numbers with Colour and Pattern numbers gives us a huge range of identifiers with which we can become familiar.

4.4 PATTERN MARKERS – WHITE SPOTTING FACTOR

In practice, Breed and Colour numbers by themselves are not enough. It is important also to allow for PATTERN MARKERS to indicate other genetic factors in the marking of cats. The White Spotting factor, which is random, is a case in point. To show this, instead of using numbers (which are in short supply!) we use **SECONDARY ALPHABETICAL PATTERN INDICATORS**. These alphabetical indicators follow the first set of numbers, which are the the primary Breed, Colour and Pattern indicators.

Example One:

Black Oriental Male	52006	Black Oriental Female	52007
Black Oriental Bicolour Male	52006W	Black Oriental Bicolour Female	52007W
Black Oriental Harlequin Male	52006Q	Black Oriental Harlequin Female	52007Q
Black Oriental Van Male	52006V	Black Oriental Van Female	52007V

Then add additional colour or pattern factors

Example Two:

Blue Tabby Oriental Male	52108
Blue Tabby Oriental Bicolour Male	52108W
Blue Tabby Oriental Harlequin Male	52108Q
Blue Tabby Oriental Van Male	52108V

4.5 BREED SPECIFIC PATTERN MARKERS

PATTERN MARKERS may also be **BREED SPECIFIC**. A good example is **RAGDOLLS**, where the White Spotting Factor is involved and where the BREED is recognized in 3 pattern groupings, POINTED, MITTED (pointed with minimal white spotting) and BI-COLOUR, (pointed with Bi-colour grade white spotting factor). Another example is the BENGAL, where the pattern may be SPOTTED (including rosetting) or MARBLED.

Example One:

Seal Colourpoint Male Ragdoll	16056
Seal Mitted Male Ragdoll	16056M (M for Mitted Specific to Ragdoll)
Seal Bi-Colour Male Ragdoll	16056B (B for Bi-colour, Specific to Ragdoll)

Example Two:

Brown Spotted Bengal Male	78106S
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(indicating Breed 78, Bengal, a Brown Tabby Male 106, and "S" for spotted)

Brown Marble Bengal Female	78107M
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REGISTRY MARKERS (VARIANTS)

It is also sometimes necessary to indicate whether the cat is a Breed Variant. In CATZ Inc. BREED VARIANTS although registerable and useful in breeding programmes are considered often to be ONLY breed program cats. However, they may now be showable in Championship classes. CATZ does not allow BREED LOOKALIKES to be shown. In these cases the marker for BREED VARIANT is "VT" and will appear after the cat's breed & colour number. Good examples of these are tailed MANX, or perk-ear SCOTTISH FOLDS. In CATZ Inc, these are registered as the originating breed but as VARIANTS of it, therefore can be used for breeding where this is desirable and can be shown in a normal Variant Show GROUP. This group may be entitled to usual awards and can now be given Championship status.

Example One:

Brown Tabby Manx Male 80106

(80 indicating Manx Breed, 106 indicating Brown Tabby Male)

Brown Tabby Tailed Manx Male 80106VT

(80 indicating Manx Breed, 106 indicating Brown Tabby Male and VT indicating it still has a tail!!!)

Example Two:

Blue Bicolour Scottish Fold Male 30008W

(30 indicating FOLD, "W" indicating "with white" or bi-colour pattern)

Blue Bicolour Perk-eared Scottish Fold Male 30008WVT

("w" indicating "bi-colour pattern" and "VT" indicating straight ears!)

4.6 GENETIC MARKERS

Genetic Factors also come into play with the Registration System. These may be to indicate:

- **Whether a cat is carrying Longhair or has a cat carrying LH within 6 generations.**
- **Whether a pointed cat has Solid outcrosses within 6 generations.**
- **Whether a solid colour cat has a pointed cat within 6 generations.**
- **Whether a non-Bicolour cat has White spotting factor within 6 generations.**
- **Whether a non-silver cat has a silver parent or silver within 6 generations.**

These are just SOME of the factors which are recorded at the time of initial registration or noted against the cat's original registration when breeding exposes genetic factors which were hitherto unknown.

These markers are ALPHABETICAL and usually come AFTER the litter number at the very END of the individual cats registration number.

5. WHAT DOES YOUR CATS REGISTRATION LOOK LIKE?

Your cats CATZ Inc. Certificate of Registration is a full A4 sheet, printed on either a Pink or Blue watermarked background. It is composed of three perforated certificates. (**See attachment c**)

PINK certificates are for Litter Registrations, BLUE is used for Transfers and/or Individual Registrations.

5.1 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION – TOP FORM

The Top form is your **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION** and this portion should **NEVER** be given to any other person. This forms part of the cats PERMANENT records even AFTER the cat leaves you and is possibly transferred to someone else. On the back of this form is a space which can be completed with details of to whom the cat was transferred and on what date, if you do in fact transfer the cat.

5.2 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION – MIDDLE FORM & BOTTOM FORM

The middle form is a DUPLICATE of the top form and contains the same critical data. BUT THIS FORM, in conjunction with the BOTTOM FORM, is what you use if necessary to TRANSFER the cat to a new owner. You simply detach the two bottom forms and complete the BOTTOM FORM with details of new owner, sign and date, **remembering to circle on the BOTTOM FORM, whether the cat is being transferred for BREEDING or as a PET.** Send BOTH the MIDDLE and BOTTOM FORM **TOGETHER**, to the CATZ Inc. Central Registry, along with the processing fee for the transfer of ownership to be actioned. You may now request a four generation pedigree to accompany your Transfer for an additional \$5.00 fee.

If you have any further queries regarding your Certificate of Registration or your cat's registration number, contact the Central Registry at registry@catzinc.org.nz or write to:

Catz Inc Registrar,
101 Ti Rakau Drive,
Pakuranga,
Manukau City 2010
Auckland

CAT REGISTRY SERVICES:

Individual Cat Registration

\$ 5.00

(On forms provided – suitable for Cats registered with other bodies, from Cats **not currently registered with Catz Inc.** Please provide Copy of Registration Certificate plus signed pedigree)

Litter Registration

(On forms provided – records mating, no. & colours etc of progeny)

\$15.00 for single kitten, \$20.00 per litter for two or more kittens

Kittens may be named on the back of the Litter Registration form or Listed on the electronic form available on-line.

Transfer of ownership. May be done at time of registration.

\$ 5.00

Transfer of ownership with copy of pedigree supplied.

\$10.00

Addition/Change of Suffix

\$ 3.00

Lease Fee

\$10.00

Certified Pedigree (For breeding cats/kittens leaving NZ)

\$30.00

Additional breeder added to Prefix

\$15.00

Late Litter Registration (After 6 months for desexed pets OR after 21 days of sale for a breeding kitten/desexed Show Pet.

\$30.00

If your kittens are being sold as Pets, we recommend that you register them as **NEUTER or SPAY.**

Remember, we are here to help you so please feel free to ask for advice.