

## **GCCF Registration Policy for Silver and Golden (green-eyed) Persians**

The current Registration Policy for Chinchilla, Shaded Silver and Golden Persians was agreed in February 1998, and reflects the much greater number of cats of these varieties being bred and shown at that time. At present, the numbers have dwindled dangerously low, restricting the gene pool to just a few unrelated lines.

Effectively, we are now in a similar position to breeders at the end of WWII, when drastic measures had to be taken by outcrossing to other colours, and importing unrelated cats. Consequently, a fresh approach has to be taken in order to ensure the continuation of these important and beautiful breeds. A new Registration Policy is proposed, to include the use of cats other than green-eyed Silver and Golden Persians, and including recognition of the dilute forms of these colours.

The dilute (blue) form of Chinchilla, Shaded Silver and Golden Persians is recognised by other major registering bodies around the world, including CFA, FIFe and TICA. The Persian Smoke/Tipped BAC would now like to apply for Preliminary Recognition for these varieties as a new colour of a current variety. It is suggested that the breed numbers:

- 10a Blue Chinchilla
- 55a Blue Shaded Silver
- 54a Blue Golden

be used to follow the usual GCCF breed numbering format.

The proposed new Registration Policy is attached, together with up-dated SOPs for Chinchilla, Shaded Silver and Golden Persians. The Chinchilla and Golden Persian each have an additional withholding fault relating to eye colour. This is to reflect the fact that orange-eyed cats would be allowed in the new Registration Policy which could adversely affect eye colour. This means that whilst some cats may be useful in a breeding programme, they would not meet the criteria for a show specimen - the eye colour of these breeds is considered a vital component. The list of withholding faults in the Shaded Silver SOP has been amended to bring it into line with the Chinchilla SOP now that these two varieties are to be shown in the same class from 1 January 2012. The proposed SOPs for Blue Chinchilla, Shaded Silver and Golden are also attached.