

# GCCF REGISTRATION POLICY FOR TURKISH VANKEDISI CATS



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This policy is for the registration of all Turkish Vankedisi cats 13w, 13w bl, 13w od, within the Semi Longhair breed section of the GCCF.

In this document 'Turkish Vankedisi' shall describe all semi longhaired cats as described below. This policy shall exclude registration of all cats that are not Turkish Vankedisi.

## **BREEDS PERMITTED IN THE PEDIGREES OF TURKISH VANKEDISI**

### **A. TURKISH VANKEDISI CATS**

The Turkish Vankedisi cat is a naturally occurring semi longhaired breed from the rugged region of the Middle East centred on lake Van, where the climate varies to extremes.

The breed is known locally as the Van Kedi, the prized cats being pure white with odd eyes, one of amber and the other blue. Cats with both eyes amber or blue are acceptable. The Turkish Vankedisi and the Turkish Van cat should be indistinguishable as far as type is concerned, the only difference being the coloured markings on the Turkish Van cat, the Turkish Vankedisi being white all over.

### **B. TURKISH VANKEDISI OF UNRECOGNISED COLOURS**

No other colours are acceptable.

### **C. TURKISH VAN CATS**

Turkish Vans (breeds 13d, 13d1, 13d2, 13d6, 13d7, 13d8, 13d11, 13d12, 13d16 & 13d18 in all three eye colours, amber, blue or one of amber and one of blue) are accepted in the pedigrees of Turkish Vankedisi.

### **FULL REGISTER**

Turkish Vankedisi with Championship or Provisional status which have only Turkish Vans or Turkish Vankedisi on the Full or Supplementary Register in their pedigrees within the previous three generations shall be placed on the Full Register, with the exception of those cats whose pedigrees include, within three generations, a Turkish Van or Turkish Vankedisi with Preliminary status or as yet unrecognised colour.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTER**

Turkish Vankedisi with Championship or Provisional status which have only Turkish Vans or Turkish Vankedisi in their pedigrees within three generations shall be placed on the Supplementary Register.

### **EXPERIMENTAL REGISTER**

Turkish Vankedisi with Preliminary status which have only Turkish Vans or Turkish Vankedisi in their pedigrees within three generations shall be placed on the Experimental Register.

### **REFERENCE REGISTER**

- a) Turkish Vankedisi cats of unrecognised colours, which have only Turkish Vans or Turkish Vankedisi in their pedigrees within three generations, shall be placed on the Reference register as 'of Turkish Type' (but see note 3 below). Chocolate, lilac, or colourpointed offspring, and their offspring, shall not be eligible to progress (see note 4 below).
- b) White Turkish type cats imported from the area of origin which are of unknown background shall be placed on the Reference Register as Turkish Vankedisi, and shall be eligible to move to the Supplementary or Experimental Registers after three generations.
- c) All cats of Turkish Vankedisi appearance which have in their pedigrees within three generations, any breed other than Turkish Van or Turkish Vankedisi, shall be placed on the Reference register as 'of Turkish Type'.

### **Notes:**

1. Before the registration of any Turkish Vankedisi on the Active List, a BAER certificate of freedom from deafness for the cat must be supplied to the GCCF.
2. The mating of Turkish Vankedisi to Turkish Vankedisi is not recommended.

3. Any Van patterned offspring resulting from the mating of two Turkish Vankedisi or from the mating of a Turkish Vankedisi and a Turkish Van cat should be registered as a Turkish Van cat if eligible according to the Registration Policy for that breed, or otherwise shall be placed on the Reference Register as 'of Turkish Type'
4. Any Turkish Vankedisi that produce colourpointed kittens shall be over stamped "Carries the Siamese gene" and their progeny shall continue to be over stamped "May carry the Siamese gene" until cleared by test matings. Any Turkish Vankedisi that produce chocolate or lilac kittens shall be over stamped "Carries the Chocolate gene" and their progeny shall continue to be over stamped "May carry the Chocolate gene" until cleared by test matings. Over stamped cats shall not be eligible to progress.

For further information please contact the Secretary of the Turkish Van Breed Advisory Committee