

## Rationale for updated registration policies for Cornish Rex (CRX) and Devon Rex (DRX)

1. CRX only, a requirement for dna testing for Progressive Retinal Atrophy (rdAc)

This is required because the BAC has been made aware of GCCF registered Cornish Rex testing as affected for this disease. Cornish Rex is also a breed which Langford identifies as at risk for the disease.

With the increase in numbers of imported Cornish Rex there is a risk that the disease could become widespread. Therefore, the BAC has introduced the requirement for testing to identify cats which are affected or carriers and to ensure that the gene is not allowed to become an issue within the breed.

2. CRX & DRX, to allow Longhair examples of both breeds to be correctly identified on the register.

Longhair has been present in both breeds since their inception. There are many examples of longhaired cats in the breed populations, primarily in Devon Rex but also known in Cornish Rex.

With the ability to dna test for the longhair genes, the BAC wants to ensure that cats proven to be longhair can be accurately recorded on the register.