



ChatsCanadaCats

## Administrative Guideline – 2017-01

Terrebonne, September 12th, 2017

The Board of Directors of Cats Canada Cats has taken note of the opinion issued by the Committee of Genetics and Medicine (CGM) on July 27th concerning the white color in cats.

To respond to the concerns expressed in accordance with the recommendations made by the CGM, the Board of Directors, at its statutory meeting on 10 September 2017, took the following decisions:

### Issuance of guidelines for registration:

Effective January 1, 2018, Chats Canada Cats will not allow registration of litter from marriage between 2 cats expressing the W gene.

Effective January 1, 2018, cats born after December 31, 2017, resulting from the marriage of 2 cats expressing the W gene, will no longer be eligible for inclusion in the Chats Canada Cats book of origin.

### For purposes of this guideline, cats expressing the W gene are:

- White cats (W);
- White Point cats (W Cs/Cs) \*
- White Mink cats (W Cs/Cb) \*
- White Sepia cats (W Cb/Cb) \*

\* Note that from the phenotype point of view, these cats are apparently all white.

### Support for breeders

Cats Canada Cats encourages all breeders to pass the deafness test (BAER) to their white cat expressing the W gene before first breeding, to limit the spread of this condition.

To assist them in this process, the CCC has put all the sites where the Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response (BAER) is available in Canada available online in the breeders' resources section. : <http://www.chatscanadacats.ca/breeders/resources-BAER.cfm>

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In addition, upon presentation of the results of the test, on a voluntary basis, these results will be recorded on the cat's file. Only re-issuing costs will be disbursed, if applicable.

Members of the Board of Directors want these measures to guide breeders towards best breeding practices and ultimately improve the Canadian cat population.

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