



## **RIA/RIEX/RF**

### ***Appearance based Registration Book (RIA\*)***

The RIA is intended for cats that have the appearance of a given breed but whose genealogy is unknown. It is an annexed section to the main Book of Origins, allowing to register four controlled generations before the descendants of the subject that is registered on his appearance are allowed to join the Main Book of the breed.

#### **Registration rules**

Only cats over 10 months that don't have an officially known genealogy and whose appearance is one of a breed already existing and recognized by the LOOF may be registered on the RIA.

The person who files a request should address a RIA registration application to the LOOF.

Following that request, a breed determination session is set up. Determination is established by two judges entitled by the Standards Commission. The list of judges and experts approved for each breed is published yearly.

Each breed club may suggest the judges and experts for the breed it is in charge to the standards Commission. The standards Commission draws up the list. If there is no club for a specific breed, the standards Commission nominates the judges and experts approved for that breed.

The breed determination can take place at the LOOF headquarters, in a LOOF cat show or any event organized by the LOOF (judges' seminars, etc.).

The cat should be very close to the breed standard, be in perfect physical condition, clean and amenable to handling. Superiority of qualities should dominate the small faults.

If a detectable hereditary pathology is known in the breed, the cat should prove free of that affection. The list of affections for each breed will be published and updated according to scientific research. The breed clubs, Standards Commission and scientific council are in charge of information collection.

If breed determination is positive, the LOOF produces a document as follows:

"Initial Appearance Book registration certificate - 1<sup>st</sup> generation" where the following information are:

- cat name (without affix)
- RIA number
- breed appearance
- sex

**\* RIA for « Registre d'Inscription au titre de l'Apparence », in French**



- date of birth (if known)
- identification number
- coat colour
- eye colour
- hair type
- characteristics (if any)
- owner's name and address
- date(s) and place(s) of determination
- name of judges or experts who have established determination
- publication date of registration certificate to RIA

With that document, the cat can see its descendants registered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation, 3<sup>rd</sup> generation and 4<sup>th</sup> generation RIA. The genealogy document delivered on that occasion is clearly distinct from the one published for cats registered on the Main Book.

To be approved as a breeding cat, a cat registered on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> generation RIA should have obtained two "EXCELLENT" awards at a minimum of 10 months of age and proved free of any detectable hereditary pathology specific to that breed.

RIA registered cats must be bred to subjects of determined breed registered to the Main Book (neither RIA nor RIEEX).

When the four generations are completed (4 complete generations of ascendants of the same breed or varieties whose crosses are authorized by the LOOF), the products from the RIA can join the breed's Main Book.

RIA registered cats are accepted for Championship in a LOOF cat show and eligible to obtain appropriate title certificates if they are of sufficient quality.

### ***Experimental Registration Book (RIEX\*)***

The Experimental Registration Book (RIEX\*) is an annexed section to the Main Book dedicated to registration of descendants of cats whose origins are known but whose cross is not allowed in LOOF permissible crosses list.

May be registered on the RIEEX:

- 1) Cats produced by the cross of two different breeds not allowed in LOOF permissible crosses list. It can only be the result of a voluntary procedure from the breeder who must have submitted a breeding program and received approval from the Standards Commission. Four generations from LOOF recognized crosses are necessary before the descendants may be registered on the Main Book.

**\* RIEEX for "Registre d'Inscription Expérimentale", in French**



2) Foreign cats belonging to a breed and a Book of Origins recognized by the LOOF but whose pedigree shows at least one ascendant from a LOOF non permissible cross (breeds and colours). Four generations out of LOOF recognized crosses are necessary before descendants may be registered on the Main Book.

3) Cats belonging to a breed, variety or colour that is not recognized by the LOOF but out of parents that have a pedigree delivered by a foreign federation recognized by the LOOF.

RIEX registered cats belonging to a breed that is recognized by the LOOF are accepted in Championship and are eligible to obtain appropriate title certificates in a LOOF cat show if they are of sufficient quality.

RIEX registered cats belonging to a new breed or new colour can be shown in LOOF cat shows and obtain an "EXCELLENT" award if they are of sufficient quality.

### ***Lineage Registry (RF\*)***

This Book is intended for genealogy registration of cats taking part in a breeding program approved by the Standards Commission.

The lineage register should be considered as a "pre-book", since genealogy registration cannot predict that the final registration be allowed to the Official Book.

**\* RF for "Registre de Filiation", in French**