GEMS – Intermediate Level

GCCF Easy Mind System Breed Names and codes.

GCCF – **E**asy **M**ind **S**ystem is a way to register cats by both their breed and their colours and patterns and eye colour. In some breeds such as Orientals, Maine Coons, and the British Long and Shorthair this will result in many different letters and numbers after the cat's breed name. In others such as the Chartreux, Korat and Khao Manee there will only be the breed name since the cat is always just one colour.

The GEMS number of a cat is usually written out like this :- NFO bs 02 21 64. This may look a lot of numbers, but if you use the table below you'll find it means that the cat is a Norwegian Forest Cat (NFO) it's a chocolate silver (b, s) harlequin colour – which means a 'high white' or lot of white (02) It has an unspecified tabby pattern - which means the tabby pattern is not clear, or there is a lot of it missing as the cat has a lot of white – (21) and it has green eyes (64).

NFO	**b**	**s**	**02**	**21**	**64**
Breed Group	Coat Colour	Silver/Golden (optional)	Amount of White (optional)	Pattern (optional)	Eye colour (optional)

A Norwegian Forest Cat's GEMS code must have a minimum of two parts, and a maximum of six.

Colours and Patterns that are specific to just one breed.

The GEMS letters and numbers given to all the cats registered by the GCCF are based on the genetic register of the cats. In genetics the colour black is always registered by the letter n. However, different Breeds give the colour different names, for example Black, Brown, Seal, Usual, Bronze and Tawny.

On the single sheet of GEMS codes issued by the GCCF, you'll find some additional notes written in small numbers that look like this [1]. These are breed specific and are used to aid registry and understanding, by giving you additional information on the colour/pattern or eye colour, or in the case of a Manx, tail length.

Silver and Golden effects on the cats coats are shown in a separate box from the colour as these are governed by inhibitor genes.

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