



There has been considerable doubt and confusion about what has happened during the last 3 days at the FIFe GA and NRR would like to try and clarify as much as we can.

First thing to say is that the FIFe JSC proposal to "fast track" the recognition of the Corin modifiers through the colour recognition process was not accepted so we have come nowhere over the last days. However, we are expecting the FIFe Board/FIFe BRC to come with some guidance in the very near future of how we can proceed. NRR is hoping that the process can be compressed timewise such that everything can be sorted out and the formalities completed within the next 12 months. This is now in hands of the FIFe BRC and the affected FIFe Breed Councils as per FIFe Rules.

NRR fully understands that this puts NRR breeders/exhibitors into a state of limbo for the near future 😞 but we are very much hoping and believe that this will have no catastrophic consequences for the cats currently registered as golden at shows in the near future.

There is just one technicality that NRR would like to try to clear up with regard to SIB/NEM. The EMS code 'y' was implemented for the traditional wideband gene originally seen in PER and BSH. This gene is a dominant gene. Unfortunately, there is no genetic test for traditional wideband. There is no evidence that this gene has ever been in the SIB/NEM genepool. We have just been using the 'y' code as the phenotype has been about the same.

We need to look at the phrase "everyone knows that in Siberian golden is recessive" which has been around for many years. This cannot be correct, golden (traditional wideband) is dominant. The recessives that have been identified recently are the Corin mutations (sunshine, extreme sunshine). This also applies to the Corin mutation (copper) seen in the British.

As said previously, the challenge is now in the hands of the FIFe Breed Councils and NRR encourages all breeders who qualify to join their BC. The more people working on the problem, the faster we can sort it out.

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