

AMERICAN SHORTHAIR

The American Shorthair is a true breed of working cat. Originally known as the Domestic Shorthair, with more and more breeders taking an interest in the breed, it was renamed the American Shorthair in 1966. The general effect is that of a strongly built, well balanced, and symmetrical breed. Females may be less massive in all respects and are to be rewarded equally if overall balance is correct.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (35)

(20) BODY – Ranges from medium too large. Well knit. Slightly longer than overall height, Solidly built, powerf and muscular with well-developed shoulders, chest and hindquarters. Broad, straight level back.

(5) NECK – Medium, muscular and strong.

(5) LEGS & FEET – Medium in length, medium boned. Straight legs. Paws firm, full and rounded with heavy pads.

(5) TAIL – Length, when measured along the body the tip reaches the shoulder blades. Thick at base tapering to blunt end.

II – HEAD TYPE (30)

(10) FULL FACE – Large with full cheeks. Slightly longer than wide. Sweet open expression. Muzzle squared. Strong jaw. When viewed from front, there is no dome between ears.

(6) PROFILE – No se medium length. Gentle concave curve from bridge of nose of forehead.

(5) EARS – Medium in size slightly rounded at tips and not unduly opened at base. Set on corner of square.

(5) EYES – Large, wide set with width of one eye between the eyes. Set oblique. Shape – almond on top, round on bottom. Bright, clear and alert.

III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (5)

Short, thick, lustrous, coarse in texture and even length.

IV – COLOUR (25)

(20) COAT COLOUR – See Colour Description for more details.

(5) EYE COLOUR – Ranges from copper to green (except blue or odd eyed in Whites). Eye colour does not relate to coat colour.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE (10)

Hard and muscular giving a general appearance of power and activity.

OBJECTIONS

DEDUCT

*Excessive cobbinessor ranginess.1-4

*Very short tail.1-3

WITHHOLDS

*Long or fluffy fur, deep nose break, bulging eye set, brow ridge.

*Any features so exaggerated as to foster weakness.

*All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to Colours & Patterns appendix for a complete list.

BREED ORIGIN:Natural

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:No Foundation

SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:No Foundation

ALLOWED ANCESTRY:American Shorthair

ALLOWED MATINGS:American Shorthair

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