

# EGYPTIAN MAU

The Egyptian Mau is the only natural breed of spotted domestic cat. Believed to have originated in Egypt, it is referred to as a miniature cheetah, having the elegance and refinement of ancient Egyptian artwork. The Egyptian Mau is an active, colourful cat of medium size and perfect physical condition. Mature males are somewhat larger than the females in most cases.

## I – BODY/CONFORMATION (25)

**(10) BODY** – Medium long and narrow with considerable torso depth. The depth of the body should be almost equal to the height of the legs. The chest should be narrow, back should be level with prominent shoulder blades and there should be a slight skin fold in the abdominal area.

**(10) LEGS & FEET** – Legs should be slim and in proportion to the body, with the hind legs being slightly longer. Feet are small and slightly oval. Toes on the hind feet are very long.

**(5) TAIL** – Medium long, thick at the base with a slight taper to a blunt end.

## II – HEAD TYPE (25)

**(10) SHAPE & PROFILE** – Oval shape without flat planes, medium in length. Profile showing a gentle contour with slight rise from the bridge of the nose to the forehead. Forehead of good size with ample width between the ears. The width between the ears should be almost equal to the width of the base of the ear.

**(7) EARS** – Medium in size and moderately pointed. Set well back on the head and pointing forward. The forward pitch of the ear set brings down the brow slightly to give the face a “worried” expression.

**(4) EYES SHAPE** – Fairly large and alert, almond shaped with a slight slant towards the ears. Skull apertures are neither round or oriental.

**(4) EYE COLOUR** – Light green (gooseberry green). Amber cast is acceptable in young cats up to 1 1/2 years of age.

## III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (5)

Coat silky and fine in texture but fairly dense and resilient to the touch. Hair, medium in length but long enough to accommodate two or more bands of ticking.

## IV – COLOUR (45)

**(15) COLOUR** – The Egyptian Mau is recognized in Silver, Bronze and Smoke. Each of these colours should display good contrast between the ground colour and markings.

**(30) PATTERN** – Forehead barred with characteristic “M” and frown marks, which become lines between the ears and continue down the back of the neck and ideally break into elongated spots down the spine line to the base of the tail. A fairly solid line continues along the top of the tail to the tip. The cheeks are barred with a “mascara” line which start from the outer corner of the eye and continue along

the contour of the cheek to the back of the head. A second line starts at the centre of the cheek and curves toward the upper line, almost meeting it below the base of the ear (2 points). On the upper chest, there are one or more necklaces, either broken or solid. The shoulder marking are a transition between bars and spots. The upper front legs are fairly heavily barred and do not necessarily match. As these bars approach the extremity on the foot, they break into elongated spots (5 Points). The markings on the body are to be randomly spotted with a slight variance in size and shape. Preference given to round and well distributed spots. Spotting pattern on each side of the body does not match. Underside of the body is to have “vest buttons”, dark in colour against pale ground colour (15 points). Haunches and upper back legs are to be a transition of spots and bars, breaking into bars on the thighs and back to elongated spots on the lower legs. Tail is heavily banded and has a dark tip (3 Points).

## IV – CONDITION AND BALANCE (0)

Although no points are allotted, the cat should be in excellent physical condition.

## OBJECTIONS

DEDUCT

- \*Ears which are upright instead of pointing forward. 1-3
- \*Cobby or oriental body. 1-5
- \*Short or whip tail. 1-3
- \*Small, round or oriental eyes. 1-5
- \*Amber cast in eye colour in mature adults. 1-3
- \*Spots on body which run together to form tabby lines. 1-8

## WITHHOLDS

- \*Lack of spots or very poor contrast.
- \*Wrong eye colour.
- \*Kinked or abnormal tail.
- \*Incorrect number of toes.
- \*All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

## RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Silver, Bronze, and Smoke

BREED ORIGIN: Natural

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: F1 allowed if cat proven to be

from country of origin or any other country known to have naturally spotted cats.

SHOWING REQUIREMENTS: F2 allowed

ALLOWED ANCESTRY: Egyptian Mau

ALLOWED MATINGS: Egyptian Mau