

AMERICAN WIREHAIR

The American Wirehair, is a spontaneous mutation of the American Shorthair. The only difference is the stiff, wiry coat. The general effect is that of a strongly built, well balanced cat without exaggeration of any feature that takes away from the conformation indicating power, endurance and agility. Females may be less massive in all respects than males and are to be rewarded equally if overall balance is correct.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (35)

(20) BODY – Medium to large, well knit, powerful and muscular with a full-developed chest.

(5) NECK – Short and in proportion to body.

(5) LEGS & FEET – Medium in length, firm boned and heavily muscled. Paws firm, rounded.

(5) TAIL – Thick at base, tapering gradually to rounded tip. In proportion to body.

II – HEAD TYPE (30)

(10) FULL FACE – Broad with well developed cheeks giving impression of an oblong shape – just slightly longer than wide. Squarish muzzle. Eyes set wide apart. Rounded skull. Nose medium in length, same width for entire length.

(10) PROFILE – Nose gently rises in a curve from bridge of nose to forehead. Forehead forms smooth continuous curve flowing over top of head into neck. Chin firm and well developed forming a perpendicular line with upper lip.

(5) EARS – Medium in size, rounded tips. Set wide apart and not unduly opened at base.

(5) EYES – Round. Set well apart.

III – COAT

TEXTURE/DENSITY/LENGTH (15)

Springy, tight and medium in length, Individual hairs crimped, hooked or bent, including hair in ears. Overall appearance of wiry, coarse and resilience is more important than crimping of each hair. Density of wired coat leads to ringlets rather than waves. Coat is dense, resilient, crimped and coarse. Curly whiskers.

IV – COLOUR (15)

(10) COAT COLOUR – See Colour Description for more details. For cats with special markings, allot 5 points for pattern and 5 points for colour.

(5) EYE COLOUR – Eye colour must conform to colour description.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

Hard and muscular giving appearance of power and activity.

OBJECTIONS

	DEDUCT
* Long or fluffy coat.	5-10
* Excessive cobbliness or ranginess.	3-5
* Short tail.	2-3
* Obesity or emaciation.	1-3

WITHHOLDS

- * Lack of stiffness or wiriness.
- * Deep nose break.
- * All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to Colours & Patterns appendix for a complete list.

BREED ORIGIN:	Mutation
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	F1 allowed if crossed with American Shorthair. No AOV
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	F2 Allowed. No AOV
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	American Wirehair, American Shorthair
ALLOWED MATINGS:	American Wirehair, American Shorthair

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EYE COLOUR:

The accepted eye colour for the majority of coat colours within the American Wirehair breed is gold. Exceptions to the aforementioned eye colours are: Shaded or Chinchilla Silver are required to have green eyes. Shaded or Chinchilla Golden may have green or hazel eye colour. Any of the Tabby Silver colours including the Patched Tabby Silver colours are allowed to have gold, green or hazel eye colour. The occurrence of blue-eyed or odd-eyed Bi-colours or Vans is allowed.

SOLID

BLACK

BLUE

CREAM

RED

WHITE BLUE-EYED

WHITE GOLDEYED

WHITE ODD-EYED

SMOKE

BLACK SMOKE

BLUE SMOKE

CAMEO SMOKE

CREAM CAMEO SMOKE

SHADED

BLUE SHADED

CAMEO SHADED

CREAM CAMEO SHADED

SILVER SHADED

CHINCHILLA

BLUE CHINCHILLA

CAMEO SHELL

CREAM CAMEO SHELL

SILVER CHINCHILLA

GOLDEN SHADED

BLUE GOLDEN SHADED

CREAM GOLDEN SHADED

GOLDEN SHADED

RED GOLDEN SHADED

GOLDEN CHINCHILLA

BLUE GOLDEN CHINCHILLA

CREAM GOLDEN CHINCHILLA

GOLDEN CHINCHILLA

RED GOLDEN CHINCHILLA

CLASSIC TABBY

BLUE CLASSIC TABBY

BROWN CLASSIC TABBY

CREAM CLASSIC TABBY

RED CLASSIC TABBY

MACKEREL TABBY

BLUE MACKEREL TABBY

BROWN MACKEREL TABBY

CREAM MACKEREL TABBY

RED MACKEREL TABBY

SPOTTED TABBY

BLUE SPOTTED TABBY

BROWN SPOTTED TABBY

CREAM SPOTTED TABBY

RED SPOTTED TABBY

TICKED TABBY

BLUE TICKED TABBY

BROWN TICKED TABBY

CREAM TICKED TABBY

RED TICKED TABBY

SILVER CLASSIC TABBY

BLUE SILVER CLASSIC TABBY

CAMEO CLASSIC TABBY

CREAM CAMEO CLASSIC TABBY

SILVER CLASSIC TABBY

SILVER MACKEREL TABBY

BLUE SILVER MACKEREL TABBY

CAMEO MACKEREL TABBY

CREAM CAMEO MACKEREL TABBY

SILVER MACKEREL TABBY

SILVER SPOTTED TABBY

BLUE SILVER SPOTTED TABBY

CAMEO SPOTTED TABBY

CREAM CAMEO SPOTTED TABBY

SILVER SPOTTED TABBY

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SILVER TICKED TABBY

BLUE SILVER TICKED TABBY
 CAMEO TICKED TABBY
 CREAM CAMEO TICKED TABBY
 SILVER TICKED TABBY

GOLDEN CLASSIC TABBY

BLUE GOLDEN CLASSIC TABBY
 CREAM GOLDEN CLASSIC TABBY
 GOLDEN CLASSIC TABBY
 RED GOLDEN CLASSIC TABBY

GOLDEN MACKEREL TABBY

BLUE GOLDEN MACKEREL TABBY
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 GOLDEN MACKEREL TABBY
 RED GOLDEN MACKEREL TABBY

GOLDEN SPOTTED TABBY

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GOLDEN TICKED TABBY

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 CREAM GOLDEN TICKED TABBY
 GOLDEN TICKED TABBY
 RED GOLDEN TICKED TABBY

CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY

BLUE CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY
 BROWN CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY

MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY

BLUE MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY
 BROWN MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY

SPOTTED PATCHED TABBY

BLUE SPOTTED PATCHED TABBY
 BROWN SPOTTED PATCHED TABBY

TICKED PATCHED TABBY

BLUE TICKED PATCHED TABBY
 BROWN TICKED PATCHED TABBY

SILVER CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY

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SILVER MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY

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GOLDEN CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY

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 GOLDEN TICKED PATCHED TABBY

TORTOISESHELL

BLUE-CREAM
 TORTOISESHELL

CONTINUED...

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE

BLUE-CREAM SMOKE

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE

TORTOISESHELL SHADED

BLUE-CREAM SHADED

TORTOISESHELL SHADED

TORTOISESHELL CHINCHILLA

BLUE-CREAM CHINCHILLA

TORTOISESHELL CHINCHILLA

TORTOISESHELL GOLDEN SHADED

BLUE-CREAM GOLDEN SHADED

TORTOISESHELL GOLDEN SHADED

TORTOISESHELL GOLDEN CHINCHILLA

BLUE-CREAM GOLDEN CHINCHILLA

TORTOISESHELL GOLDEN CHINCHILLA

BI-COLOUR (with white)

All established colours and patterns with the addition of white for Solids, Smokes, Shaded, Chinchillas, Golden Shaded, Golden Chinchillas, Tabbies, Silver Tabbies, Golden Tabbies, Patched Tabbies, Silver Patched Tabbies, Golden Patched Tabbies, Tortoiseshells, Tortoiseshell Smokes, Tortoiseshell Shaded, Tortoiseshell Chinchillas, Tortoiseshell Golden Shaded, Tortoiseshell Golden Chinchillas. Eye colours for the Bi-colour patterns is gold, blue, odd-eyed (one eye must be blue).

CALICO

CALICO

CALICO BLUE EYED

CALICO ODD EYED

DILUTE CALICO

DILUTE CALICO BLUE EYED

DILUTE CALICO ODD EYED

Additional Calico Combinations:

All established colours for the Calico pattern: Calico Smoke, Calico Shaded, Calico Chinchilla, Calico Golden Shaded, Calico Golden Chinchilla Patterned Calico, Patterned Silver Calico, Patterned Golden Calico. Eye colour is Gold, Blue, Odd-eyed (one eye must be blue).

PATTERNED CALICO is a tri-colour pattern which has tabby markings instead of solid colour spots (Note: tabby markings in the red/cream spots are ignored) on the white base coat. No tabby pattern description required.

VAN

All established colours and patterns distributed as described for the Van pattern (face and body predominantly white with colour restricted to the head and tail. One or two small spots of colour on the body are allowed): Solids, Smokes, Shaded, Chinchillas, Golden Shaded, Golden Chinchillas, Tabbies, Silver Tabbies, Golden Tabbies, Patched Tabbies, Silver Patched Tabbies, Golden Patched Tabbies, Tortoiseshells, Tortoiseshell Smokes, Tortoiseshell Shaded, Tortoiseshell Chinchillas, Tortoiseshell Golden Shaded, Tortoiseshell Golden Chinchillas. Eye colours for the Van patterns is gold, blue, odd-eyed (one eye must be blue).

No colours / patterns showing hybridization resulting in chocolate, lilac, the himalayan pattern, or these combinations with white allowed.

Traditional eye colour is gold. Eye colour may differ from the norm, please refer to the individual breed standard for additional guidance.

SOLID COLOURS

BLACK

Coat: Clear lustrous jet black, sound from root to tip.

Nose Leather: Black.

Paw Pads: Black.

Objections: Smokey undercoat or rust tinge.

BLUE

Coat: Even shade of blue sound from root to tip. Lighter shades preferred.

Nose Leather: Blue.

Paw Pads: Blue.

Objections: Shading. Tabby markings. Rust tinge. Lighter undercoat. Drab lifeless colour.

CREAM

Coat: Clear buff cream sound from root to tip. Lighter shades preferred.

Nose Leather: Pink.

Paw Pads: Pink.

Objections: Tabby markings. Lighter colour around eyes, nose, lips, chin and upper throat.

RED

Coat: Clear brilliant red sound from root to tip.

Nose Leather: Pink.

Paw Pads: Pink.

Objections: Shading. Barring. Ticking or tabby markings. Lighter colour around eyes, nose, lips, chin, and upper throat.

WHITE

Coat: Pure white sound from root to tip.

Nose Leather: Pink.

Paw Pads: Pink.

Eye Colour: Blue, copper, gold, odd eyed

Objections: Staining or off-white tinges.

Allowances: A dark cap (patch) of another colour on the head is not to be considered a fault in young cats (under one year of age). Deafness although undesirable is not penalized.

Traditional eye colour is gold. Shaded or Chinchilla Silver are required to have green eyes. Shaded or Chinchilla Golden may have green or hazel eye colour. Eye colour may differ from the norm, please refer to the individual breed standard for additional guidance.

SHADED

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Coat: White undercoat (Goldens have a rich warm honey cream undercoat.). Coat on back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with an established colour or pattern from dark on the ridge to white (or cream for Goldens) on the chin, chest, stomach, and under the tail. Shaded cats are darker (greater amount of pigment on tips/hair shaft) than Chinchillas (or Shells). Legs to be the same tone as face. Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

Nose Leather: Conform to the established colour standards.

Paw Pads: Conform to the established colour standards.

BLUE SHADED

Coat: White undercoat. The coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with blue, from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, stomach and chest, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. Shaded cats are darker than Chinchillas or Shells. Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

Nose Leather: Rose.

Paw Pads: Blue or rose

Eye Colour: Green.

BLUE SHADED GOLDEN

Coat: Ivory to pale honey undercoat. The coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with blue to enhance golden colour. Ivory to pale honey colour on the chin, stomach and chest, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with blue. Shaded cats are darker than Chinchillas or Shells. Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

Nose Leather: Rose outlined with blue.

Paw Pads: Blue or rose.

Eye Colour: Green, Hazel.

CAMEO SHADED

Coat: White undercoat. The coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with red, from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, stomach and chest, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. Shaded cats are darker than Chinchillas or Shells. Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

Nose Leather: Rose pink.

Paw Pads: Rose pink.

CREAM CAMEO SHADED

Coat: White undercoat. The coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with cream. White on the chin, stomach and chest, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. Shaded cats are darker than Chinchillas or Shells. Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

Nose Leather: Pink.

Paw Pads: Pink.

GOLDEN SHADED

Coat: Warm pale honey to bright apricot undercoat. The coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with black (darker than a Chinchilla). Dilute colour (much lighter than undercoat) on the chin, stomach and chest, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. Shaded cats are darker than Chinchillas or Shells. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with black. Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

Nose Leather: Deep rose outlined with black.

Paw Pads: Black.

Eye Colour: Green, Hazel.

SILVER SHADED

Coat: White undercoat. The coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with black, from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, stomach and chest, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with black. Shaded cats are darker than Chinchillas or Shells. Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

Nose Leather: Brick red outlined with black.

Paw Pads: Black.

Eye Colour: Green.

SHELL & CHINCHILLA

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Coat: White undercoat (Goldens have a rich warm cream undercoat). Coat on back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with an established colour or pattern to give the sparkling appearance necessary. Legs may be slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, stomach and chest are white (cream for Goldens). Chinchillas (or Shells) are lighter than Shaded (significantly less pigment on hair tips and shaft). Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

Nose leather: Conform to the established colour standards.

Paw Pads: Conform to the established colour standards.

Eye Colour: Golden Chinchilla have green or blue-green eyes.

BLUE CHINCHILLA

Coat: White undercoat. The coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with blue. Legs may be slightly shaded with blue tipping. Chin, stomach and chest are white. Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

Nose Leather: Rose outlined with blue.

Paw Pads: Blue or rose.

BLUE GOLDEN CHINCHILLA

Coat: Pale ivory to creamed honey undercoat. The coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with blue to enhance the golden colour. Legs may be shaded with blue tipping. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with blue. Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

Nose Leather: Rose outlined with blue.

Paw Pads: Blue or rose.

Eye Colour: Green, Blue-Green.

CAMEO SHELL

Coat: White undercoat. The coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with red. Legs may be slightly shaded with red tipping. Chin, stomach and chest are white. Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

Nose Leather: Rose pink.

Paw Pads: Rose pink.

CHINCHILLA GOLDEN

Coat: Warm pale honey to light apricot undercoat. The coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with black to enhance golden appearance. Legs and end of tail may be slightly shaded with black tipping. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with black. Chin, stomach and chest are dilute in colour (lighter than undercoat colour). Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

Nose Leather: Deep rose outlined with black..

Paw Pads: Black.

Eye Colour: Green or Hazel.

CREAM CAMEO SHELL

Coat: White undercoat. The coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with cream. Legs and face may be slightly shaded with cream tipping. Chin, stomach and chest are white. Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

Nose Leather: Pink.

Paw Pads: Pink.

SILVER CHINCHILLA

Coat: White undercoat. The coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with black to give sparkling appearance. Legs may be slightly shaded with black tipping. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with black. Chin, stomach and chest are white. Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

Nose Leather: Brick red outlined with black..

Paw Pads: Black.

Eye Colour: Green.

SMOKE

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Coat: Deeply tipped with an established colour or pattern. In repose the cat looks like the established colour or pattern, In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. The face, ears, legs, and tail are the established colour or pattern with a narrow band of white at the base of the hairs next to the skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

Nose leather: Conform to the established colour standards.

Paw Pads: Conform to the established colour standards.

Eye colour: Gold.

NOTE: *During seasonal coat colour changes on both kittens and adults, the “reverse” colour of the coat is to be considered a NORMAL coat colour change. At the root it may appear that the primary smoke colour turns white a short distance up the hair shaft and then reverts back to the primary colour. The tipping during this coat colour phase may consume most of the hair shaft with only minimal white colour deep in the coat.*

BLACK SMOKE

Coat: White undercoat, deeply tipped with black. Cat in repose appears black. In motion the white undercoat is apparent. Face, legs and tail, black with a narrow band of white at the base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

Nose Leather: Black.

Paw Pads: Black.

BLUE SMOKE

Coat: White undercoat, deeply tipped with blue. Cat in repose appears blue. In motion the white undercoat is apparent. Face, legs and tail, black with a narrow band of white at the base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

Nose Leather: Blue or rose.

Paw Pads: Blue.

CAMEO SMOKE

Coat: White undercoat, deeply tipped with red. Cat in repose appears red. In motion the white undercoat is apparent. Face, legs and tail, red with a narrow band of white at the base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

Nose Leather: Rose.

Paw Pads: Rose.

CREAM CAMEO SMOKE

Coat: White undercoat, deeply tipped with cream. Cat in repose appears cream. In motion the white undercoat is apparent. Face, legs and tail, cream with a narrow band of white at the base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

Nose Leather: Pink.

Paw Pads: Pink.

Traditional eye colour is gold. Shaded or Chinchilla Silver are required to have green eyes. Shaded or Chinchilla Golden may have green or hazel eye colour. Eye colour may differ from the norm, please refer to the individual breed standard for additional guidance.

TORTOISESHELL SHADED, CHINCHILLA SMOKE COLOURS

BLUE CREAM SHADED

Coat: Ground colour white. The hair should be tipped blue with patches of cream tipping—shading gradually down the sides, face and tail to white on the chin, chest, stomach area, and under the tail. Shading on the face and legs is the same tone as the ridge, albeit lighter. Coat should be darker than a shell, but not so dark as to lose the sparkling effect. A “blaze” is desirable.

Nose Leather: Blue, may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Blue, may be mottled with pink.

Objections: Tabby markings.

BLUE CREAM CHINCHILLA

Coat: Ground colour white. The hair should be tipped blue with patches of cream tipping—shading gradually down the sides, face and tail. White on the chin, chest, stomach area, and under the tail. Shading on the face and legs is the same tone as the ridge, albeit lighter. Coat should be lighter than a shaded. A “blaze” is desirable.

Nose Leather: Blue, may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Blue, may be mottled with pink.

Objections: Tabby markings.

BLUE CREAM SMOKE

Coat: Ground colour white. The cat in repose should appear blue with clearly defined, patches of cream. In motion, the white undercoat becomes apparent. Face and ears have a narrow band of white at the base of the hairs next to the skin that may be seen only when the fur is parted. A “blaze” is desirable.

Nose Leather: Blue, may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Blue, may be mottled with pink.

Objections: Tabby markings.

BLUE CREAM GOLDEN SHADED

Coat: Ground colour pale ivory to creamed honey. The hair should be tipped blue with patches of red/cream tipping—shading gradually down the sides, face and tail. Pale honey on the chin, chest, stomach area, and under the tail. Shading on the face and legs is the same tone as the ridge, albeit lighter. Coat should be darker than a shell, but not so dark as to lose the sparkling effect. A “blaze” is

desirable.

Nose Leather: Blue, may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Blue, may be mottled with pink.

Objections: Tabby markings.

BLUE CREAM GOLDEN CHINCHILLA

Coat: Ground colour pale ivory to creamed honey. The hair should be tipped blue with patches of red/cream tipping—shading gradually down the sides, face and tail. Pale honey on the chin, chest, stomach area, and under the tail. Shading on the face and legs is the same tone as the ridge, albeit lighter. Coat should be lighter than a shaded. A “blaze” is desirable.

Nose Leather: Blue, may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Blue, may be mottled with pink.

Objections: Tabby markings.

TORTOISESHELL SHADED

Coat: Ground colour white. The hair should be tipped black with patches of red tipping—shading gradually down the sides, face and tail. White on the chin, chest, stomach area, and under the tail. Shading on the face and legs is the same tone as the ridge, albeit lighter. Coat should be darker than a shell, but not so dark as to lose the sparkling effect. A “blaze” is desirable.

Nose Leather: Black or dark brown, may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Black / dark brown, may be mottled with pink.

Objections: Tabby markings.

TORTOISESHELL CHINCHILLA

Coat: Ground colour white. The hair should be tipped black with patches of red tipping—shading gradually down the sides, face and tail. White on the chin, chest, stomach area, and under the tail. Shading on the face and legs is the same tone as the ridge, albeit lighter. Coat should be lighter than a shaded. A “blaze” is desirable.

Nose Leather: Black or dark brown, may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Black / dark brown, may be mottled with pink.

Objections: Tabby markings.

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE

Coat: Ground colour white. The cat in repose should appear black with clearly defined, patches of red. In motion, the white undercoat becomes apparent. Face and ears have a narrow band of white at the base of the hairs next to the skin that may be seen only when the fur is parted. A “blaze” is desirable.

Nose Leather: Black or dark brown, may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Black / dark brown, may be mottled with pink.

Objections: Tabby markings.

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Refer to Breed Standard and General Preface for disqualifications and objections not listed here.

TORTOISESHELL GOLDEN SHADED

Coat: Ground colour cinnamon gold to warm honey. The hair should be tipped black with patches of red/cream tipping—shading gradually down the sides, face and tail. Pale honey on the chin, chest, stomach area, and under the tail. Shading on the face and legs is the same tone as the ridge, albeit lighter. Coat should be darker than a shell, but not so dark as to lose the sparkling effect. A “blaze” is desirable.

Nose Leather: Brown or black, may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Brown or black, may be mottled with pink.

Objections: Tabby markings.

TORTOISESHELL GOLDEN CHINCHILLA

Coat: Ground colour cinnamon gold to pale warm honey. The hair should be tipped black with patches of red/cream tipping—shading gradually down the sides, face and tail. Pale warm honey on the chin, chest, stomach area, and under the tail. Shading on the face and legs is the same tone as the ridge, albeit lighter. Coat should be lighter than a shaded. A “blaze” is desirable.

Nose Leather: Brown or black, may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Brown or black, may be mottled.

Traditional eye colour is gold. Any of the Tabby Silver colours including the Patched Tabby Silver colours are allowed to have gold, green or hazel eye colour. Eye colour may differ from the norm, please refer to the individual breed standard for additional guidance.

TABBY PATTERNS

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN

Markings dense, clearly defined and broad. Legs barred with bracelets. Tail evenly ringed ending in a dark tip. Necklaces on neck and upper chest are to be unbroken. Frown marks on forehead form a letter "M". Unbroken line runs back from outer corner of eye. Swirls on cheeks. Vertical lines over back of head extend to shoulder markings which are in the shape of a butterfly with both upper and lower wings distinctly outlined and marked with dots inside the outline. Back markings consist of a vertical line down the spine from butterfly to tail with a vertical stripe paralleling it on each side. Large solid blotch on each side to be encircled by one or more unbroken rings. Side markings should be the same on both sides. Double vertical rows of buttons on chest and stomach. Hocks to be same colour as markings.

MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN

Markings dense, clearly defined. Legs barred with bracelets. Tail evenly ringed ending with a dark tip. Necklaces on neck and upper chest, are to be unbroken. Frown marks on forehead form an "M". Unbroken line runs back from outer corner of eye. Lines run down the head to meet the shoulders. Spine lines run together to form a narrow saddle. Unbroken lines run around the body vertically. Buttons on chest and stomach. Hocks to be same colour as markings.

SPOTTED TABBY PATTERN

Markings dense, clearly defined. Legs barred with bracelets. Tail spotted or broken rings ending with a dark tip. Necklaces on neck and upper chest, are to be broken. Frown marks on forehead form an "M". Line runs back from outer corner of eye. Broken lines run down the head to meet the shoulders. Spine lines consist of broken vertical lines preferably composed of spots. Spots on body may vary in size and shape but should not run together (i.e. a broken Mackerel pattern). Buttons on chest and stomach. Hocks to be same colour as markings.

TICKED TABBY PATTERN

Body hair to be ticked with shades of the marking colour and ground colour. Legs barred with bracelets. Tail evenly ringed. Must have at least one necklace. Frown marks on forehead form an "M". Line runs back from outer corner of

eye. Spine line consists of darker dorsal shading. Body colour should be free of noticeable spots, stripes, or blotches. Lighter underside may show buttons on chest and stomach.

PATCHED TABBY PATTERN

An established Classic, Mackerel, Spotted or Ticked Tabby with patches of red or cream.

TABBY COLOURS

BLUE TABBY

Coat: Ground colour pale bluish ivory. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings blue.

Nose Leather: Blue or old rose.

Paw Pads: Old rose.

BLUE SILVER TABBY

Coat: Ground colour bluish silver. Undercoat white. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes.

Markings blue.

Nose Leather: Blue or old rose rimmed with blue.

Paw Pads: Blue, old rose or pink

BLUE GOLDEN TABBY

Coat: Ground colour creamed honey. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings blue.

Nose Leather: Blue or old rose rimmed with blue.

Paw Pads: Blue, old rose or pink

BROWN TABBY

Coat: Ground colour coppery brown. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings black.

Nose Leather: Brick red.

Paw Pads: Black or brown.

CAMEO TABBY

Coat: Ground colour off white. Undercoat white. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings red.

Nose Leather: Pink.

Paw Pads: Pink.

CREAM TABBY

Coat: Ground colour pale cream. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings buff or cream.

Nose Leather: Pink.

Paw Pads: Pink.

CREAM CAMEO TABBY

Coat: Ground colour off white. Under coat white. Markings cream.

Nose Leather: Pink.

Paw Pads: Pink.

GOLDEN TABBY

Coat: Ground colour cinnamon gold to warm honey. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings black.

Nose Leather: Brick red.

Paw Pads: Black.

RED TABBY

Coat: Ground colour cream to dark cream. Lips and chin the same shade as rings around the eyes. Markings red.

Nose Leather: Flesh or coral pink.

Paw Pads: Flesh or coral pink.

SILVER TABBY

Coat: Ground colour pale silver. White undercoat. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings black.

Nose Leather: Brick red.

Paw Pads: Black.

PATCHED TABBY COLOURS

BLUE PATCHED TABBY

Coat: Ground colour bluish ivory. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings blue with patches of cream.

Nose Leather: Blue, old rose, may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Blue, old rose, may be mottled with pink.

BLUE SILVER PATCHED TABBY

Coat: Ground colour bluish ivory. White undercoat. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings blue with patches of cream. Fawn patina overcast.

Nose Leather: Blue, old rose, may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Blue, old rose, may be mottled with pink.

BLUE GOLDEN PATCHED TABBY

Coat: Ground colour creamed honey. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings blue with patches of cream.

Nose Leather: Blue, old rose, may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Blue, old rose, may be mottled with pink.

BROWN PATCHED TABBY

Coat: Ground colour copper brown. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings black patched with red.

Nose Leather: Brick red, may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Black or brown, may be mottled with pink.

GOLDEN PATCHED TABBY

Coat: Ground colour warm honey. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings black patched with red.

Nose Leather: Brick red, may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Black, may be mottled with pink.

SILVER PATCHED TABBY

Coat: Ground colour pale silver. Undercoat white. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings black patched with red.

Nose Leather: Brick red, may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Black, may be mottled with pink.

Traditional eye colour is gold. Eye colour may differ from the norm, please refer to the individual breed standard for additional guidance.

TORTOISESHELL COLOURS

BLUE CREAM

Coat: Blue with clearly defined, patches of cream on face, body and extremities. On the undersides and extremities the colours may fade. A “blaze” which is comprised of the two colours, appears to divide the face down the nose, is desirable.

Nose Leather: Blue, may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Blue, may be mottled with pink.

Objections: Solid colour face, legs and tail. Tabby or brindle markings. Excessive amount of dark cream.

TORTOISESHELL

Coat: Black with clearly defined, patches of red on face, body and extremities. On the undersides and extremities the red may fade and appear as cream. A “blaze” which is comprised of the two colours, appears to divide the face down the nose, is desirable.

Nose Leather: Black or dark brown, may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Black or dark brown, may be mottled with pink.

Objections: Solid colour face, legs and tail. Tabby or brindle markings.

Traditional eye colour is gold. Shaded or Chinchilla Silver are required to have green eyes. Shaded or Chinchilla Golden may have green or hazel eye colour. Any of the Tabby Silver colours including the Patched Tabby Silver colours are allowed to have gold, green or hazel eye colour. The occurrence of blue-eyed or odd-eyed Bi-colours or Vans is allowed. Eye colour may differ from the norm, please refer to the individual breed standard for additional guidance.

BI-COLOUR (with white)

Coat conforms to the established colours and patterns with the addition of white. As a preferred minimum (unless otherwise stated in the breed standard), the cat should have white feet, legs, underside, chest and muzzle. An inverted 'V' on the face is desirable. Nose leather and paw pads conform to the established colour standards.

CALICO / DILUTE CALICO

All established colours and patterns distributed as described for the Calico pattern (a tri-colour cat with un-brindled medium to large patches of SOLID colour and red, or DILUTE colour and cream on a white background). All eye colours are allowed including Odd-eyed (one eye must be blue).

PATTERNED CALICO

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Coat: TABBY patterned patches of established colours with patches of RED (which may or may not be tabby) on a white background. As a preferred minimum (unless otherwise stated in the breed standard) the cat should have white feet, legs, underside, chest and muzzle.

Nose Leather: Pink or the established colour.

Paw Pads: Pink, or the established colour.

DILUTE PATTERNED CALICO

Coat: Dilute TABBY patterned patches of established colours with patches of CREAM (which may or may not be tabby) on a white background. As a preferred minimum (unless otherwise stated in the breed standard), the cat should have white feet, legs, underside, chest and muzzle.

Nose Leather: Pink or the established colour.

Paw Pads: Pink, or the established colour.

VAN

All established colours and patterns distributed as described for the Van pattern (face and body predominantly white with colour restricted to the head and tail. One or two small spots of colour on the body are allowed): All eye colours are allowed including Odd-eyed (one eye must be blue).

GENERAL PREFACE

It is important to consult the individual breed standard for breed-specific disqualifications. The following list applies to all breeds unless otherwise indicated.

WITHHOLD AWARDS (W/A) FOR:

- More or fewer than five toes on each front paw and four toes on each back paw. Pixie-Bobs are exempt from this disqualification.
- White lockets, buttons, or toes on any cat, except where part of the natural colour or pattern, or unless otherwise specified in the breed standard.
- Any entry that is declawed. Clear nail-tip covers are allowed.
- Any deformity or disfigurement — hereditary, congenital, or acquired. Household Pet entries are exempt from this disqualification.
- A cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (e.g., the presence of powder or chalk residue in the coat after normal grooming; the use of tints, colour rinses, or other artificial colouring concealment media; sanding or shaving).
- An entry, without provocation, attacks a judge or other person within the ring area, the entry shall be deemed vicious and disqualified (D.V. Disqualified, Vicious).
- Kinks, visible or invisible. Kink is defined as a rigid deflection of the tail line, whether visible or not. Small, invisible bumps or calcium deposits shall be considered a fault. Refer to individual breed standards for exceptions to this rule.
- Wrong eye colour (unless otherwise specified in a breed's standard).
- Crossed eyes in any breed. Household Pet entries are exempt from this disqualification.
- Maloccluded jaws.
- Monorchidism (the absence of one testicle) or cryptorchidism (the absence of both testicles) is grounds for withholding awards in the Championship (whole adult) or Miscellaneous (whole adult) classes.
- Any entry that scores less than 90 points.
- Excellence in one aspect of the standard shall not offset a deficiency in another. Because the standard specifically describes the various parts of the cat's appearance, all judges shall conduct their judging in accordance with these specifications.
- All entries should possess the appropriate weight, condition, and balance for their breed. Balance is the overall physical picture of the cat. The cat must 'fit together', and no single quality **should** be emphasized. Judges shall not penalize any fault by more than the cat would have earned if perfect in that detail.
- Judges shall penalize or disqualify N.F.A (No Further Award) for poor condition, indicating illness or poor care.
- If an entry has fleas, fungus, ear mites, etc., the judge shall N.F.A. the entry and notify the Show Manager.
- An obviously pregnant or lactating queen will be disqualified as N.F.A. (No Further Awards).
- Natural lighting should be used wherever possible. Allowances should be made for harsh artificial lighting, which may distort eye and coat colour.
- An entry presented in the judging ring showing noticeable effects of a sedative (e.g., third eyelids visible, overly glassy eyes, inability to stand or sit, lack of coordination or muscle control) shall not receive an award. The judge will record N.F.A (No Further Award) in their judge's book.
- Any cat too nervous or intractable to handle by the judge or the owner / agent must be disqualified (D.U.H. – Disqualified, Unable to Handle).
- A judge may disqualify any entry whose owner / agent draws specific attention to himself or his entry when benching the cat in the judging ring or at any time during judging. Judges shall enter D.L.E. (Disqualified, Lack of Etiquette) in their books.
- When an entry's colour or pattern has been misclassified, the entry shall be transferred to its correct class with the owner's permission.
- Cats recovering from recent surgery (or injury) where the incision (or wound) has not completely healed, stitches removed, etc.; must be disqualified (N.F.A. – No Further Awards).

FACTORS TO CONSIDER:

- A weak, receding, or protruding chin is considered a serious fault. Deductions can be made for chin, profile, and balance.
- Allowance should be made for stud jowls in males. Usually, males are proportionally larger than females.
- Allowance is to be made for seasonal variations in coat.
- Allowance should be made for faint tabby markings in kittens and young cats, except when they are part of the normal colour pattern.
- Allowance should be made for undeveloped eye colour and undeveloped coat colour in kittens and young cats.

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