

CHARTREUX

The Chartreux is a sturdy French breed coveted since antiquity for its hunting prowess and its dense, water repellent fur. Its husky, robust type is sometimes termed as primitive, neither cobby nor classic. Though amply built, they are extremely supple and agile. The qualities of strength, intelligence and amenability have enabled this breed to survive for centuries. Mature males weigh from 4.5 to 6.4 kg (10 – 14 pound) whereas mature females weigh from 2.7 to 4.1 kg (6 – 9 pounds).

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (30)

(20) BODY – Robust physique, medium long with broad shoulders and deep chest. Strong boning: muscle mass is solid and dense.

(5) LEGS & FEET – Medium length, straight and sturdy, comparatively fine-boned. Feet are round and medium in size (may appear almost dainty compared to body mass).

(5) TAIL – Medium in length, thick at base tapering to an oval tip. Flexible.

II – HEAD TYPE (30)

(10) FULL FACE – Rounded and broad—but not a sphere—set on a short, heavy neck. Powerful jaw; full cheeked. Muzzle comparatively small, narrow and tapered. Sweet, smiling expression.

(10) PROFILE – High contoured forehead, straight and of medium length and width; with a slight stop at eye level.

(5) EARS – Medium size, set high on head, slightly rounded tips.

(5) EYES – Large, round and expressive. Set far apart.

III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (10)

Medium short and slightly woolly in texture. Resilient undercoat with longer protective top coat.

IV – COLOUR (25)

(15) BODY COLOUR – Any shade of blue-grey brushed with silver. Emphasis on colour, clarity and uniformity rather than shade. Preferred tone is a bright, unblemished blue with an overall iridescent sheen. Nose leather slate grey; lips blue; paw pads are rose-taupe. Allowances made for ghost markings and for tail rings in adults under two years.

(10) EYE COLOUR – Colour range is copper to gold. Clear, deep orange is preferred.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

Muscular, heavy and a leonine (lion-like) appearance.

OBJECTIONS

	DEDUCT
* Nose longer than head is wide.	3-5
* Severe nose break or humped nose.	3-5
* Snubbed or upturned nose.	3-5
* Broad heavy muzzle.	3-5
* Almond-shaped eyes.	3-5
* Eyes too close together giving an angry look.	1-3
* Ghost markings after 8 months of age.	3-5
* Tail rings after 2 years of age.	3-5

WITHHOLDS

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

RECOGNIZED COLOUR

Blue

BREED ORIGIN:	Established
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	No Foundation Allowed
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	No Foundation Allowed
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	Chartreux
ALLOWED MATINGS:	Chartreux

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GENERAL PREFACE

The following shall apply to all breeds or as indicated:

WITHHOLD AWARDS FOR:

1. More or fewer than five toes on each front paw and four toes on each back paw (Pixie-Bobs are exempt from this rule). Splayed toes are an objection.
2. White lockets, buttons or toes on any cat, except where part of the natural colour / pattern OR unless otherwise specified in the breed standard.
3. Any deformity or disfigurement — hereditary, congenital or acquired.
4. Entries which do not meet correct markings as stated. Entries must be properly and distinctly marked in accordance with the standard for all cats of the tabby variety.
5. A cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (i.e., the presence of powder, or chalk remaining in the coat after normal grooming, the use of tints, colour rinses or other artificial colouring concealment media, sanding or shaving, or knowledge of cosmetic surgery).
6. Any cat not amenable to handling by the judge, its owner or agent. All domestic breeds of cats covered in the standards are expected to be gentle and amenable to handling. Cats should be well-balanced physically and temperamentally.
7. Kinks, visible or invisible. Kink is defined as rigid deflection in the line of the tail, visible or otherwise. Small, invisible bumps shall be considered a fault.
8. Wrong eye colour (unless otherwise specified).
9. Crossed eyes in any breed.
10. Maloccluded jaws.
11. Monorchidism (absence of one testicle) or Cryptorchidism (absence of both testicles) are grounds for withholding awards.
12. Any entry that scores less than 90 points.
6. A 'blaze' — two colours on the face divided down the nose— is desirable (all other factors being equal) on the numerous tortoiseshell-like colours and patterns (i.e., tortoiseshell, lilac-cream, champagne-tortie, seal tortie point, etc.)
7. The greenish-yellow eye colour, generally referred to as 'hazel' (not brown) is allowed where stated.
8. Excellence in one aspect of the standard shall not offset deficiency in another. Inasmuch as the standard specifically describes the various parts of the cat's appearance, all judges shall conduct their work in accordance with these specifications.
9. All entries should possess the appropriate weight, condition and balance for its respective breed. Balance is the overall physical picture of the cat. The cat must 'fit together' and any one particular quality must not be emphasized. Judges shall not penalize any fault by a greater amount than the cat would have earned if perfect in that detail.
10. Judges shall penalize for bad condition indicating illness or poor care.
11. Natural lighting should be used wherever possible. Allowances are to be made for (harsh) artificial lighting which may distort eye and coat colour.

KEEP IN MIND THE FOLLOWING:

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

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