

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

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:

1. More or fewer than five toes on each front paw and four toes on each back paw. Pixie-Bobs are exempt from this disqualification.
 2. 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.
 3. Any entry that is declawed. Clear nail-tip covers are allowed.
 4. Any deformity or disfigurement — hereditary, congenital, or acquired. Household Pet entries are exempt from this disqualification.
 5. 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).
 5. 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).
 6. 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.
 7. Wrong eye colour (unless otherwise specified in a breed's standard).
 8. Crossed eyes in any breed. Household Pet entries are exempt from this disqualification.
 9. Maloccluded jaws.
 10. 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.
 11. Any entry that scores less than 90 points.
6. 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.
 7. 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.
 8. Judges shall penalize or disqualify N.F.A (No Further Award) for poor condition, indicating illness or poor care.
 9. If an entry has fleas, fungus, ear mites, etc., the judge shall N.F.A. the entry and notify the Show Manager.
 10. An obviously pregnant or lactating queen will be disqualified as N.F.A. (No Further Awards).
 11. Natural lighting should be used wherever possible. Allowances should be made for harsh artificial lighting, which may distort eye and coat colour.
 12. 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.
 13. 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).
 14. 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.
 15. When an entry's colour or pattern has been misclassified, the entry shall be transferred to its correct class with the owner's permission.
 16. 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:

1. A weak, receding, or protruding chin is considered a serious fault. Deductions can be made for chin, profile, and balance.
2. Allowance should 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 should be made for faint tabby markings in kittens and young cats, except when they are part of the normal colour pattern.
5. Allowance should be made for undeveloped eye colour and undeveloped coat colour in kittens and young cats.

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