NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT

The Norwegian Forest Cat is a sturdy, strongly built cat of Scandinavian origin. It is a natural breed and has evolved from domesticated cats that lived in the wild. The coat provides evidence of these origins; a semi-long coat, that has a woolly undercoat, covered by smooth, water repellent guard hairs. Its head is distinctive, shaped like an equilateral triangle. The Norwegian Forest Cat is slow to mature and does not reach its full growth until approximately five years of age.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (30)

(10) BODY – The body is of moderate length, heavily boned, with a powerful appearance showing a full chest and considerable girth without being fat. Males should be large and imposing; females proportionately smaller. It should be noted that this breed is not fully mature until five years of age. The flank (fleshy areas of the side between the ribs and the hips) has great depth causing considerable depth to the body when viewed from the side.

(10) LEGS & FEET – Legs are medium in length with the hind legs longer than the front legs making the rump higher than the shoulders. The thighs are heavily muscled with substantial lower legs. When viewed from the rear, the back legs are straight. The front feet appear to “toe out”. The feet are large, round firm and well-tufted.

(10) TAIL – Long and flowing. The desirable length should be equal to the body from the base of the tail to the shoulders.

II – HEAD TYPE (30)

(10) SHAPE & PROPORTION – Triangular shaped. Leaning toward, but not quite approaching an equilateral triangle (all three sides equal in length) from the outer base of the ears to the tip of the chin. The overall appearance should be as long as it is broad. The frontal skull is flat. The neck is medium to short with heavy musculature, not in proportion to the body.

(5) NOSE & PROFILE – The nose is medium to long, straight from the top of the forehead to the tip of the nose without break. The muzzle follows the line of the triangular head with no evidence of pinch or snippiness.

(3) MUZZLE – The muzzle is gently rounded in profile.

(2) CHIN – Chin shall be firm with no malocclusions and shall be gently rounded in profile.

(5) EARS – The ears are medium to large, slightly rounded at the tip and set so that the lower edge follows the line of the head down to the chin, arched forward, as if listening. The ears are heavily tufted. Tip tufts are desirable but their absence should not be considered a fault.

(5) EYES – Large, almond-shaped and expressive, set at a slight angle with the outer corner slightly higher than the inner corner. It should be noted that between the ages of 6 months to a year, the cat goes through a stage of development where the eyes appear almost round; this should change at the time of the first birthday.

III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (20)

The Norwegian Forest Cat has a distinguishing double coat. When pressed down with the fingertips, an impression should be left in the coat. The outer coat is long and smooth, soft and not dry, with water repellent guard hairs covering the undercoat. The undercoat should be dense and feel heavy. The ruff consists of three separate sections; short back of the ruff, side mutton chops and a full frontal bib. Allowance should be made for less ruff and britches in younger cats under two years of age. The britches are full on the hind legs and the coat is uneven. Solid colours, tortoiseshell and bi colours have a smoother, softer coat than tabbies, with a less dense undercoat. It should be noted that it takes about two years of age for coat to come in completely on colours other than tabbies. The season of the year should be considered when judging these cats as the overall coat is shortened and the mutton chops and breast collar are lacking or are much shorter in the summer; during hot weather, the tail, ear and toe tufts distinguish the cat as longhair. Maturity (approximately two years for judging purpose) must also be considered when judging these cats for coat. Cat living in temperate climates exhibit coats which are softer and shorter than those spending time in cooler climates.

IV – COLOUR (10)

All colours and combinations of colours are acceptable with or without white with the exception of the pointed pattern and self-chocolate and self-lilac colours. In the tabby group, white or off white is allowable on the breast, chin and stomach. White buttons, spots and lockets are allowable in all colours.

EYE COLOUR: Green-gold eye color is the preferred colour although shades of green, gold or copper are accepted. White cats or cats with white may be copper eyed, blue eyed, or odd eyed in addition to shades of green and gold.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE (10)

The appearance of an alert, healthy, firm, muscular, well developed and well proportioned cat is essential. Good muscle tone is necessary with on evidence of obesity or emaciation. Lack of good condition is evidenced by dullness in the eyes and the lack of coat lustre. The cat should be well-balanced physically and temperamentally, gentle & amenable to handling.

OBJECTIONS

* Short legs. 1-3
* Cobby body. 1-3
* Extremely long body. 1-3
* Nose break. 2-4
* Round head or square muzzle. 3-5
* Small eyes in mature cats. 1-3
* Dry coat. 3-5
* Matted fur. 3-5
* Short tail. 2-4
* Delicate bone structure. 4-6

WITHHOLDS

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

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to Colours & Patterns appendix for a complete list.
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**BI-COLOUR (with white)**

All established colours and patterns with the addition of white. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle: Solids, Smokes, Shadeds, Chinchillas, Golden Shadeds, Golden Chinchillas, Tabbies, Silver Tabbies, Golden Tabbies, Patched Tabbies, Silver Patched Tabbies, Golden Patched Tabbies, Tortoiseshells, Tortoiseshell Smokes, Tortoiseshell Shadeds, Tortoiseshell Chinchillas, Tortoiseshell Golden Shadeds, Tortoiseshell Golden Chinchillas. Blue or odd-eyed (one eye must be blue) is allowed in the Bi-colour pattern.

**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, Shadeds, Chinchillas, Golden Shadeds, Golden Chinchillas, Tabbies, Silver Tabbies, Golden Tabbies, Patched Tabbies, Silver Patched Tabbies, Golden Patched Tabbies, Tortoiseshells, Tortoiseshell Smokes, Tortoiseshell Shadeds, Tortoiseshell Golden Shadeds, Tortoiseshell Golden Chinchillas. Blue or odd-eyed (one eye must be blue) is allowed in the Van pattern.

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*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.

**Additional Calico Combinations:**

All established colours for the Calico pattern. Unbrindled patches of colour (amber, light amber, black, blue) and red/cream on a white cat. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle: Calico Smoke, Calico Shaded, Calico Chinchilla, Calico Golden Shaded, Calico Golden Chinchilla, Patterned* Calico, Patterned* Silver Calico, Patterned* Golden Calico. Blue or Odd-eyed (one eye must be blue) is allowed in the Calico pattern.

*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.
Green-gold eye colour is the preferred colour. Shades of green, gold or copper are accepted. White cats or cats with white may be copper eyed, blue eyed, or odd eyed in addition to shades of green and gold.

**SOLID COLOURS**

**AMBER (non-agouti)**
Coat: Kittens initially look like one of the eumelanistic colours (*black, **chocolate, ***cinnamon*) which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. Adult cats will range from a deep burnt sienna, warm apricot, copper brown, tan, or yellow to beige or blue-beige depending on the amount of rufousing. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the dark colour of the cat's eumelanistic genotype (black, chocolate, cinnamon).

Nose Leather: *Black, **chocolate, ***pinkish tan.
Paw Pads: *Black,** rose brown, ***pinkish tan.

**AMBER LIGHT (non-agouti)**
Coat: Kittens initially look like one of the dilute eumelanistic colours (*blue, **lilac, ***fawn*) which is gradually replaced during the first year by dilute phaeomelanin. Adult cats will range from a pale bluish ivory to a buff or oatmeal to a warm fawn, depending on the amount of rufousing. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the colour of the cat's dilute eumelanistic genotype (blue, lilac, fawn).

Nose Leather: *Blue, **lavender pink, ***dusty rose.
Paw Pads: *Blue,** lavender pink, ***dusty rose.

**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.

**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.

**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 cap (patch) of another colour on the head is not considered a fault in young cats (under 1 year).

**SHARED**

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION**
Coat: White undercoat for Silvers (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. Green-gold eye colour is preferred, shades of green, gold or copper are accepted.

Nose Leather: Conform to established colour standards.
Paw Pads: Conform to the established colour standards.

**AMBER SHADED**
Coat: White undercoat. Kittens initially look like one of the eumelanistic shaded colours (*black, **chocolate, ***cinnamon*) which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. In adult cats the coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail is sufficiently tipped — with a range from a deep burnt sienna, warm apricot, copper brown, tan, or yellow to beige or blue-beige depending on the amount of rufousing — 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. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the dark colour of the cat's eumelanistic genotype (black, chocolate, cinnamon).

Nose Leather: *Black, **chocolate, ***pinkish tan.
Paw Pads: *Black,** rose brown, ***pinkish tan.

Refer to Breed Standard and General Preface for disqualifications and objections not listed here.
AMBER SHADED GOLDEN
Coat: Warm honey-cream undercoat. Kittens initially look like one of the eumelanistic shaded colours (*black, **chocolate, ***cinnamon) which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. In adult cats the coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail is sufficiently tipped — with a range from a deep burnt sienna, warm apricot, copper brown, tan, or yellow to beige or blue-beige depending on the amount of rufousing — from dark on the ridge to honey-cream on the chin, stomach and chest, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. Shaded cats are darker than Chinchillas. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the dark colour of the cat’s eumelanistic genotype (black, chocolate, cinnamon).
Nose Leather: *Black, **chocolate, ***pinkish tan.
Paw Pads: *Black,** rose brown, ***pinkish tan.

AMBER LIGHT SHADED
Coat: White undercoat. Kittens initially look like one of the dilute eumelanistic shaded colours (*blue, **lilac, ***fawn) which is gradually replaced during the first year by dilute phaeomelanin. In adult cats the coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail is sufficiently tipped — from a pale bluish ivory to a buff or oatmeal to a warm fawn, depending on the amount of rufousing — 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. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the dark colour of the cat’s dilute eumelanistic genotype (blue, lilac, fawn).
Nose Leather: *Blue, **lavender pink, ***dusty rose.
Paw Pads: *Blue,** lavender pink, ***dusty rose.

AMBER LIGHT SHADED GOLDEN
Coat: Warm honey-cream undercoat. Kittens initially look like one of the dilute eumelanistic shaded golden colours (*blue, **lilac, ***fawn) which is gradually replaced during the first year by dilute phaeomelanin. In adult cats the coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail is sufficiently tipped — from a pale bluish ivory to a buff or oatmeal to a warm fawn, depending on the amount of rufousing — from dark on the ridge to honey-cream on the chin, stomach and chest, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. Shaded cats are darker than Chinchillas. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the dark colour of the cat’s dilute eumelanistic genotype (blue, lilac, fawn).
Nose Leather: *Blue, **lavender pink, ***dusty rose.
Paw Pads: *Blue,** lavender pink, ***dusty rose.

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.

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.

RED GOLDEN SHADED
Coat: Gold to apricot undercoat. The coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with red, from dark on the ridge to lighter on the chin, stomach and chest, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. Shaded cats are darker than Chinchillas. Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.
Nose Leather: Pink.
Paw Pads: 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.

BLUE SHADED SILVER
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.

Refer to Breed Standard and General Preface for disqualifications and objections not listed here.
CREAM GOLDEN SHADED
Coat: Pale gold to apricot undercoat. The coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with red, from dark on the ridge to lighter on the chin, stomach and chest, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. Shaded cats are darker than Chinchillas. 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.

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.

SHELL & CHINCHILLA
GENERAL DESCRIPTION
Coat: White undercoat for Silvers (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 Shadeds (significantly less pigment on hair tips and shaft). Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.
Nose Leather: Conform to established colour standards.
Paw Pads: Conform to the established colour standards.

AMBER CHINCHILLA
Coat: White undercoat. Kittens initially look like one of the eumelanistic shaded colours (*black, **chocolate, ***cinnamon) which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. In adult cats the coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail is tipped — with a range from a deep burnt sienna, warm apricot, copper brown, tan, or yellow to beige or blue-beige depending on the amount of rufousing — to give the sparkling appearance necessary. Legs may be slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, stomach and chest are white. Chinchillas are lighter than Shadeds (significantly less pigment on hair tips and shaft). Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the dark colour of the cat’s eumelanin genotype (black, chocolate, cinnamon).
Nose Leather: *Black, **chocolate, ***pinkish tan.
Paw Pads: *Black, **rose brown, ***pinkish tan.

AMBER CHINCHILLA GOLDEN
Coat: Warm honey-cream undercoat. Kittens initially look like one of the eumelanistic shaded colours (*black, **chocolate, ***cinnamon) which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. In adult cats the coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail is tipped — with a range from a deep burnt sienna, warm apricot, copper brown, tan, or yellow to beige or blue-beige depending on the amount of rufousing — to give the sparkling appearance necessary. Legs may be slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, stomach and chest are light honey-cream. Chinchillas are lighter than Shadeds (significantly less pigment on hair tips and shaft). Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the dark colour of the cat’s eumelanin genotype (black, chocolate, cinnamon).
Nose Leather: *Black, **chocolate, ***pinkish tan.
Paw Pads: *Black, **rose brown, ***pinkish tan.

AMBER LIGHT CHINCHILLA
Coat: White undercoat. Kittens initially look like one of the dilute eumelaninic shaded colours (*blue, **lilac, ***fawn) which is gradually replaced during the first year by dilute phaeomelanin. In adult cats the coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail is tipped — from a pale bluish ivory to a buff or oatmeal to a warm fawn, depending on the amount of rufousing — to give the sparkling appearance necessary. Legs may be slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, stomach and chest are white. Chinchillas are lighter than Shadeds (significantly less pigment on hair tips and shaft). Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the dark colour of the cat’s eumelanin genotype (blue, lilac, fawn).
Nose Leather: *Blue, **lavender pink, ***dusty rose.
Paw Pads: *Blue, **lavender pink, ***dusty rose.

Refer to Breed Standard and General Preface for disqualifications and objections not listed here.
**AMBER LIGHT CHINCHILLA GOLDEN**

**Coat:** Warm honey-cream undercoat. Kittens initially look like one of the dilute eumelaninistic shaded golden colours (*blue, **lilac, ***fawn) which is gradually replaced during the first year by dilute phaeomelanin. In adult cats the coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail is sufficiently tipped — from a pale bluish ivory to a buff or oatmeal to a warm fawn, depending on the amount of rufousing — to give the sparkling appearance necessary. Legs may be slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, stomach and chest are light honey-cream. Chinchillas are lighter than Shadeds (significantly less pigment on hair tips and shaft). Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the dark colour of the cat’s eumelaninistic genotype (blue, lilac, fawn).

**Nose Leather:** *Blue, **lavender pink, ***dusty rose.

**Paw Pads:** *Blue, **lavender pink, ***dusty rose.

**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.

**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:** Pink.

**Paw Pads:** Pink.

**RED GOLDEN CHINCHILLA**

**Coat:** Pale gold to apricot undercoat. The coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with red, from dark on the ridge to lighter on the chin, stomach and chest, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

**Nose Leather:** Pink.

**Paw Pads:** Pink.

**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.

**CREAM GOLDEN CHINCHILLA**

**Coat:** Pale ivory to light apricot 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 and under the tail are lighter. Preference should be given to the cat whose coat lacks tabby markings.

**Nose Leather:** Pink.

**Paw Pads:** Pink.

**GOLDEN CHINCHILLA**

**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.

**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.

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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.

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.

AMBER SMOKE
Coat: White undercoat, deeply tipped with dark honey-chestnut. Cat in repose appears amber. In motion the white undercoat is apparent. Face, legs and tail, amber with a narrow band of white at the base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted.
Nose Leather: Black.
Paw Pads: Black.

AMBER LIGHT SMOKE
Coat: White undercoat, deeply tipped with beige-blond. Cat in repose appears beige-blond. 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.
Nose Leather: Blue or dark blue.
Paw Pads: Blue.

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.

Refer to Breed Standard and General Preface for disqualifications and objections not listed here.
Green-gold eye color is the preferred colour. Shades of green, gold or copper are accepted. Cats with white may be copper eyed, blue eyed, or odd eyed in addition to shades of green and gold.

**TORTOISESHELL COLOURS**

**AMBER TORTOISESHELL**

*Coat:* Kittens initially look like one of the eumelanistic tortoiseshell colours (*black tortoiseshell, **chocolate tortoiseshell, ***cinnamon tortoiseshell*) which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. In adult cats the coat colour — a range from a deep burnt sienna, warm apricot, copper brown, tan, or yellow to beige or blue-beige — will be patched with red or cream. On the undersides and extremities the colour may fade. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the dark colour of the cat’s eumelanistic genotype (black, chocolate, cinnamon) and may be mottled with pink. A “blaze” is desirable.

*Nose Leather:*  *Black, **chocolate, ***pinkish tan (may be mottled with pink).

*Paw Pads:*  *Black, **rose brown, ***pinkish tan (may be mottled with pink).

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

**AMBER LIGHT TORTOISESHELL SHADED**

*Coat:* Kittens initially look like one of the dilute eumelanistic tortoiseshell colours (*blue tortoiseshell, **lilac tortoiseshell, ***fawn tortoiseshell*) which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. In adult cats the coat colour ranges from a pale bluish ivory to a buff or oatmeal to a warm fawn, depending on the amount of rufousing, with patches of red or cream. On the undersides and extremities the colour may fade. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the colour of the cat’s dilute eumelanistic genotype (blue, lilac, fawn) and may be mottled with pink. A “blaze” is desirable.

*Nose Leather:*  *Blue, **lavender-pink, ***dusty rose (may be mottled with pink).

*Paw Pads:*  *Blue, **lavender-pink, ***dusty rose (may be mottled with pink).

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

**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.

Refer to Breed Standard and General Preface for disqualifications and objections not listed here.
Green-gold eye color is the preferred colour. Shades of green, gold or copper are accepted. Cats with white may be copper eyed, blue eyed, or odd eyed in addition to shades of green and gold.

**TORTOISESHELL SHADED, CHINCHILLA SMOKE COLOURS**

**AMBER TORTOISESHELL SHADED**

Coat: White undercoat. Kittens initially look like one of the eumelanistic tortoiseshell shaded colours (*black tortoiseshell, **chocolate tortoiseshell, ***cinnamon tortoiseshell*) which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. In adult cats the coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail is sufficiently tipped — with a range from a deep burnt sienna, warm apricot, copper brown, tan, or yellow to beige or blue-beige with patches of red or cream — 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. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the dark colour of the cat’s eumelanistic genotype (black, chocolate, cinnamon) and may be mottled with pink. A “blaze” is desirable.

Nose Leather: *Black, **chocolate, ***pinkish tan (may be mottled with pink).
Paw Pads: *Black, **rose brown, ***pinkish tan (may be mottled with pink).
Objections: Tabby markings.

**AMBER TORTOISESHELL CHINCHILLA**

Coat: White undercoat. Kittens initially look like one of the eumelanistic tortoiseshell shaded colours (*black tortoiseshell, **chocolate tortoiseshell, ***cinnamon tortoiseshell*) which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. In adult cats the coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail is tipped — with a range from a deep burnt sienna, warm apricot, copper brown, tan, or yellow to beige or blue-beige with patches of red or cream — shading gradually down the sides, face and tail to white on the chin, stomach and chest, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. Chinchilla cats are lighter than shaded cats (significantly less pigment on hair tips and shaft). Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the dark colour of the cat’s eumelanistic genotype (black, chocolate, cinnamon) and may be mottled with pink. A “blaze” is desirable.

Nose Leather: *Black, **chocolate, ***pinkish tan (may be mottled with pink).
Paw Pads: *Black, **rose brown, ***pinkish tan (may be mottled with pink).
Objections: Tabby markings.

**AMBER TORTOISESHELL SMOKE**

Coat: White undercoat. Kittens initially look like one of the eumelanistic tortoiseshell shaded colours (*black tortoiseshell, **chocolate tortoiseshell, ***cinnamon tortoiseshell*) which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. In adult cats the coat in repose should appear deep burnt sienna, warm apricot, copper brown, tan, or yellow to beige or blue-beige with patches of red or 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: *Black, **chocolate, ***pinkish tan (may be mottled with pink).
Paw Pads: *Black, **rose brown, ***pinkish tan (may be mottled with pink).
Objections: Tabby markings.

**AMBER TORTOISESHELL GOLDEN SHADED**

Coat: Warm honey-cream undercoat. Kittens initially look like one of the eumelanistic tortoiseshell shaded golden colours (*black tortoiseshell, **chocolate tortoiseshell, ***cinnamon tortoiseshell*) which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. In adult cats the coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail is sufficiently tipped — with a range from a deep burnt sienna, warm apricot, copper brown, tan, or yellow to beige or blue-beige with patches of red or cream — from dark on the ridge to light honey-cream on the chin, stomach and chest, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. Shaded cats are darker than Chinchillas. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the dark colour of the cat’s eumelanistic genotype (black, chocolate, cinnamon) and may be mottled with pink. A “blaze” is desirable.

Nose Leather: *Black, **chocolate, ***pinkish tan (may be mottled with pink).
Paw Pads: *Black, **rose brown, ***pinkish tan (may be mottled with pink).
Objections: Tabby markings.

**AMBER TORTOISESHELL GOLDEN CHINCHILLA**

Coat: Warm honey-cream undercoat. Kittens initially look like one of the eumelanistic tortoiseshell shaded golden colours (*black tortoiseshell, **chocolate tortoiseshell, ***cinnamon tortoiseshell*) which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. In adult cats the coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail is tipped — with a range from a deep burnt sienna, warm apricot, copper brown, tan, or yellow to beige or blue-beige with patches of red or cream — shading gradually down the sides, face and tail to light honey-cream on the chin, stomach and

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chest, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. Chinchilla cats are lighter than shaded cats (significantly less pigment on hair tips and shaft). Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the dark colour of the cat's eumelanistic genotype (black, chocolate, cinnamon) and may be mottled with pink. A "blaze" is desirable

**Nose Leather:** *Black, **chocolate, ***pinkish tan (may be mottled with pink).

**Paw Pads:** *Black, **rose brown, ***pinkish tan (may be mottled with pink).

**Objections:** Tabby markings.

**AMBER LIGHT TORTOISESHELL SHADED**

**Coat:** White undercoat. Kittens initially look like one of the dilute eumelanistic tortoiseshell shaded colours (*blue tortoiseshell, **lilac tortoiseshell, ***fawn tortoiseshell) which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. In adult cats the coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail is sufficiently tipped — from a pale bluish ivory to a buff or oatmeal to a warm fawn, depending on the amount of rufousing with patches of red or cream — 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. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the colour of the cat's dilute eumelanistic genotype (blue, lilac, fawn) and may be mottled with pink. A "blaze" is desirable

**Nose Leather:** *Blue, **lavender-pink, ***dusty rose (may be mottled with pink).

**Paw Pads:** *Blue, **lavender-pink, ***dusty rose (may be mottled with pink).

**Objections:** Tabby markings.

**AMBER LIGHT TORTOISESHELL CHINCHILLA**

**Coat:** White undercoat. Kittens initially look like one of the dilute eumelanistic tortoiseshell shaded colours (*blue tortoiseshell, **lilac tortoiseshell, ***fawn tortoiseshell) which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. In adult cats the coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail is tipped — from a pale bluish ivory to a buff or oatmeal to a warm fawn, depending on the amount of rufousing with patches of red or cream — shading gradually down the sides, face and tail to white on the chin, stomach and chest, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. Chinchilla cats are lighter than shaded cats (significantly less pigment on hair tips and shaft). Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the colour of the cat's dilute eumelanistic genotype (blue, lilac, fawn) and may be mottled with pink. A "blaze" is desirable

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**Objections:** Tabby markings.

**AMBER LIGHT TORTOISESHELL SMOKE**

**Coat:** White undercoat. Kittens initially look like one of the dilute eumelanistic tortoiseshell colours (*blue tortoiseshell, **lilac tortoiseshell, ***fawn tortoiseshell) which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. In adult cats the coat in repose should appear a pale bluish ivory to a buff or oatmeal to a warm fawn, depending on the amount of rufousing with patches of red or 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, **lavender-pink, ***dusty rose (may be mottled with pink).

**Paw Pads:** *Blue, **lavender-pink, ***dusty rose (may be mottled with pink).

**Objections:** Tabby markings.

**AMBER LIGHT TORTOISESHELL GOLDEN SHADED**

**Coat:** Warm honey-cream undercoat. Kittens initially look like one of the dilute eumelanistic tortoiseshell shaded colours (*blue tortoiseshell, **lilac tortoiseshell, ***fawn tortoiseshell) which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. In adult cats the coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail is sufficiently tipped — from a pale bluish ivory to a buff or oatmeal to a warm fawn, depending on the amount of rufousing with patches of red or cream — from dark on the ridge to pale honey-cream on the chin, stomach and chest, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. Shaded cats are darker than Chinchillas. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the colour of the cat's dilute eumelanistic genotype (blue, lilac, fawn) and may be mottled with pink. A "blaze" is desirable

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**Paw Pads:** *Blue, **lavender-pink, ***dusty rose (may be mottled with pink).

**Objections:** Tabby markings.

**AMBER LIGHT TORTOISESHELL GOLDEN CHINCHILLA**

**Coat:** Warm honey-cream undercoat. Kittens initially look like one of the dilute eumelanistic tortoiseshell shaded colours (*blue tortoiseshell, **lilac tortoiseshell, ***fawn tortoiseshell) which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. In adult cats the coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail is sufficiently tipped — from a pale bluish ivory to a buff or oatmeal to a warm fawn, depending on the amount of rufousing with patches of red or cream — from dark on the ridge to pale honey-cream on the chin, stomach and chest, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as face. Shaded cats are darker than Chinchillas. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the colour of the cat's dilute eumelanistic genotype (blue, lilac, fawn) and may be mottled with pink. A "blaze" is desirable

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**Objections:** Tabby markings.
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Nose Leather: *Blue, **lavender-pink, ***dusty rose (may be mottled with pink).
Paw Pads: *Blue, **lavender-pink, ***dusty rose (may be mottled with pink).
Objections: Tabby markings.

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 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 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.

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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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Green-gold eye color is the preferred colour. Shades of green, gold or copper are accepted. Cats with white may be copper eyed, blue eyed, or odd eyed in addition to shades of green and gold.

**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**

**AMBER TABBY**
Coat: Kittens initially look like one of the tabby patterns in the eumelanistic colours [*black (brown), **chocolate, ***cinnamon] which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. Adult cats’ markings will range from a deep burnt sienna, warm apricot, copper brown, tan, or yellow to beige or blue-beige depending on the amount of rufousing. Ground colour is a paler version of the pattern colour giving definition to the pattern. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the dark colour of the cat’s eumelanistic genotype (brown (black), chocolate, cinnamon).
Nose Leather: *Brown-black, **chocolate, ***pinkish tan.
Paw Pads: *Brown-black, ** rose brown, ***pinkish tan.

**AMBER SILVER TABBY**
Coat: Kittens initially look like one of the silver tabby patterns in the eumelanistic colours [*black (brown), **chocolate, ***cinnamon] which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. Adult cats’ markings will range from a deep burnt sienna, warm apricot, copper brown, tan, or yellow to beige or blue-beige depending on the amount of rufousing. White undercoat. Ground colour is a paler version of the pattern colour giving definition to the pattern. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the dark colour of the cat’s eumelanistic genotype (brown (black), chocolate, cinnamon).
Nose Leather: *Brown-black, **chocolate, ***pinkish tan.
Paw Pads: *Brown-black, ** rose brown, ***pinkish tan.

**AMBER GOLDEN TABBY**
Coat: Kittens initially look like one of the silver tabby patterns in the eumelanistic colours [*black (brown), **chocolate, ***cinnamon] which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. Adult cats’ markings will range from a deep burnt sienna, warm apricot, copper brown, tan, or yellow to beige or blue-beige depending on the amount of rufousing. Very pale honey undercoat. Ground colour is a paler version of the pattern colour giving definition to the pattern. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the dark colour of the cat’s eumelanistic genotype (brown (black), chocolate, cinnamon).

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Nose Leather: *Brown-black, **chocolate, ***pinkish tan.  
Paw Pads: *Brown-black, **rose brown, ***pinkish tan.

AMBER LIGHT TABBY
Coat: Kittens initially look like one of the tabby patterns in the dilute eumelanistic colours (*blue, **lilac, ***fawn) which is gradually replaced during the first year by dilute phaeomelanin. Adult cats’ markings will range from a pale bluish ivory to a buff or oatmeal to a warm fawn, depending on the amount of rufousing. Ground colour is a paler version of the pattern colour giving definition to the pattern. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the colour of the cat’s dilute eumelanistic genotype (blue, lilac, fawn).

Nose Leather: *Blue, **lavender pink, ***dusty rose.  
Paw Pads: *Blue, **lavender pink, ***dusty rose.

AMBER LIGHT SILVER TABBY
Coat: Kittens initially look like one of the silver tabby patterns in the dilute eumelanistic colours (*blue, **lilac, ***fawn) which is gradually replaced during the first year by dilute phaeomelanin. Adult cats’ markings will range from a pale bluish ivory to a buff or oatmeal to a warm fawn, depending on the amount of rufousing. White undercoat. Ground colour is a paler version of the pattern colour giving definition to the pattern. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the colour of the cat’s dilute eumelanistic genotype (blue, lilac, fawn).

Nose Leather: *Blue, **lavender pink, ***dusty rose.  
Paw Pads: *Blue, **lavender pink, ***dusty rose.

AMBER LIGHT GOLDEN TABBY
Coat: Kittens initially look like one of the golden tabby patterns in the dilute eumelanistic colours (*blue, **lilac, ***fawn) which is gradually replaced during the first year by dilute phaeomelanin. Adult cats’ markings will range from a pale bluish ivory to a buff or oatmeal to a warm fawn, depending on the amount of rufousing. Pale honey undercoat. Ground colour is a warm paler version of the pattern colour giving definition to the pattern. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the colour of the cat’s dilute eumelanistic genotype (blue, lilac, fawn).

Nose Leather: *Blue, **lavender pink, ***dusty rose.  
Paw Pads: *Blue, **lavender pink, ***dusty rose.

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. Undercoat 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.

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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

AMBER PATCHED TABBY
Coat: Kittens initially look like one of the patched tabby patterns in the eumelanistic colours [*black (brown), **chocolate, ***cinnamon] which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. Adult cats’ markings will be patched with red. Pattern colour range from a deep burnt sienna, warm apricot, copper brown, tan, or yellow to beige or blue-beige depending on the amount of rufousing. Ground colour is a paler version of the pattern colour giving definition to the pattern. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the dark colour of the cat’s eumelanistic genotype (brown (black), chocolate, cinnamon) and may be mottled with pink.
Nose Leather: *Black, **chocolate, ***pinkish tan (may be mottled with pink).
Paw Pads: *Black, ** rose brown, ***pinkish tan (may be mottled with pink).

AMBER GOLDEN PATCHED TABBY
Coat: Kittens initially look like one of the golden patched tabby patterns in the eumelanistic colours [*black (brown), **chocolate, ***cinnamon] which is gradually replaced during the first year by phaeomelanin. Adult cats’ markings will be patched with red. Pattern colour range from a deep burnt sienna, warm apricot, copper brown, tan, or yellow to beige or blue-beige depending on the amount of rufousing. Very pale honey undercoat. Ground colour is a paler version of the pattern colour giving definition to the pattern. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the dark colour of the cat’s eumelanistic genotype (brown (black), chocolate, cinnamon) and may be mottled with pink.
Nose Leather: *Black, **chocolate, ***pinkish tan (may be mottled with pink).
Paw Pads: *Black, ** rose brown, ***pinkish tan (may be mottled with pink).

AMBER LIGHT PATCHED TABBY
Coat: Kittens initially look like one of the patched tabby patterns in the dilute eumelanistic colours (*blue, **lilac, ***fawn) which is gradually replaced during the first year by dilute phaeomelanin. Adult cats’ markings will be patched with cream. Pattern colour range from a pale bluish ivory to a buff or oatmeal to a warm fawn, depending on the amount of rufousing. Ground colour is a paler version of the pattern colour giving definition to the pattern. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the colour of the cat’s dilute eumelanistic genotype (blue, lilac, fawn) and may be mottled with pink.
Nose Leather: *Blue, **lavender pink, ***dusty rose (may be mottled with pink).
Paw Pads: *Blue, ** lavender pink, ***dusty rose (may be mottled with pink).

AMBER LIGHT SILVER PATCHED TABBY
Coat: Kittens initially look like one of the silver patched tabby patterns in the dilute eumelanistic colours (*blue, **lilac, ***fawn) which is gradually replaced during the first year by dilute phaeomelanin. Adult cats’ markings will be patched with cream. Pattern colour range from a pale bluish ivory to a buff or oatmeal to a warm fawn, depending on the amount of rufousing. White undercoat. Ground colour is a paler version of the pattern colour giving definition to the pattern. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the colour of the cat’s dilute eumelanistic genotype (blue, lilac, fawn) and may be mottled with pink.
Nose Leather: *Blue, **lavender pink, ***dusty rose (may be mottled with pink).
Paw Pads: *Blue, ** lavender pink, ***dusty rose (may be mottled with pink).
Nose Leather: *Blue, **lavender pink, ***dusty rose (may be mottled with pink).
Paw Pads: *Blue, **lavender pink, ***dusty rose (may be mottled with pink).

AMBER LIGHT GOLDEN PATCHED TABBY
Coat: Kittens initially look like one of the golden tabby patterns in the dilute eumelanistic colours (*blue, **lilac, ***fawn) which is gradually replaced during the first year by dilute phaeomelanin. Adult cats’ markings will be patched with cream. Pattern colours range from a pale bluish ivory to a buff or oatmeal to a warm fawn, depending on the amount of rufousing. Pale honey undercoat. Ground colour is a warm paler version of the pattern colour giving definition to the pattern. Lips, nose, and paw pads, as well as the skin around the eyes retains the colour of the cat’s dilute eumelanistic genotype (blue, lilac, fawn) and may be mottled with pink.
Nose Leather: *Blue, **lavender pink, ***dusty rose (may be mottled with pink).
Paw Pads: *Blue, **lavender pink, ***dusty rose (may be mottled with pink).

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.

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Green-gold eye color is the preferred colour. Shades of green, gold or copper are accepted. Cats with white may be copper eyed, blue eyed, or odd eyed in addition to shades of green and gold.

**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/SHADED/CHINCHILLA/SMOKE colour and patches of red, or DILUTE colour and patches of cream — on a white background). All eye colours are allowed including Odd-eyed (one eye must be blue).

**PATTERNED CALICO**

*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.*

**PATTERNED CALICO**

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).

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

The following shall apply to all breeds 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.

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.
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.