

PERSIAN

Known for their calm, stable disposition, the Persian has graced the show scene for more than 100 years. Judges and spectators are impressed with their sweet, gentle nature and long flowing coats which occur in multitude of colours and patterns.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (25)

(10) BODY – Short, compact body that is heavily boned and set low on the legs. Deep in the chest and equally massive across the shoulders and rump. They have a well rounded mid-section and a level back. Medium to large in size with quality not to be sacrificed for mere size.

(5) NECK – Short, thick, and powerful

(5) LEGS – Short, muscular, and heavily boned. The forelegs are straight. Hind legs are straight up and down when viewed from behind, with toes facing forward and no evidence of cow-hocking.

(5) FEET – Large, firm and rounded with toes carried close together and not splayed.

II – HEAD TYPE (30)

(5) SHAPE – Round and massive, with great breadth in skull. Round face with round underlying bone structure. When viewed from the front the head is divided into 4 quarters (proportionally speaking): the nose break is the center of the cat's face, the horizontal axis bisects the eyes, the vertical axis bisects the center of the forehead to the center of the chin, all 4 quarters would be of equal size on a perfectly rounded head. In profile, the head gives the appearance of the capital letter "B".

(5) FOREHEAD – Rounded, giving a domed appearance with good underlying bone structure. Doming should be smoothly rounded when felt top-to-bottom and side-to-side.

(5) JAWS & CHIN – The jaw is broad, powerful and continues the round appearance of the head. The muzzle is broad, symmetrical, with no whisker break. The cheeks are full. The chin is well developed, firmly rounded, with good underlying bone structure reflecting a proper bite. In profile, the chin aligns perpendicular to the nose.

(5) NOSE – The nose is short and broad. It is snubbed with a decided break centered between the eyes.

(5) EARS – The ears are small, round tipped, tilted forward and are not unduly open at the base. The ears are set far apart and low on the head. They fit into the rounded contours of the head and as such, their width gives the appearance of a broad, almost level top head.

(5) EYE OPENING – The eyes are large, round, set level and far apart giving a sweet, open look to the face.

III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (10)

The coat should be long, soft, dense, fine in texture, glossy, full of life and it should stand away from the body. Coat length can be slightly shorter across the shoulder saddle. The ruff should be immense and continue in deep frill between the front legs. Ear tufts should be long and curved. Toe tufts are long and the tail plume and rear leg furnishings should be very full.

IV – COLOUR (30)

(20) COAT COLOUR – Intensity, contrast and soundness of colour from the roots to the tips should be considered. The points for cats with special markings should be divided into 10 points for colour and 10 points for the pattern markings. Otherwise, points for colour should be evenly distributed.

(10) EYE COLOUR – The eye colour is to conform with the requirements of the specific coat colour possessed by a cat. Preference given to depth, brilliance & evenness of eye colour.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

Condition is to include the body, coat, eyes, and teeth. The cat must be in prime physical condition and faultlessly clean, with the coat free of tangles and mats. General health and vigor are reflected by clear eyes, shining coat and alert appearance. The entire cat should give the impression of robust power and firmness. The cat should have good muscle tone, with no evidence of obesity.

OBJECTIONS

DEDUCT

* Delicate bone structure (some allowance made for females).	1-5
* Narrow chest; long back.	1-3
* Long thin neck.	1-3
* Long legs or bowed legs.	1-3
* Splayed toes, oval feet.	1-3
* Splayed toes; or bowed legs.	1-3
* Long or pointed tail.	1-3
* Ears slanting out from head.	1-3
* Ears set high or too close together.	1-3
* Large pointed ears.	1-3
* Long narrow head; Roman nose; or thin muzzle.	1-3
* Small eyes; eyes set too close together.	1-3
* Eyes other than round or set on a bias (slanted).	1-3
* Weak eye colour.	1-3
* Excessively runny eyes indicating obstructed tear ducts (serious fault)	3-5

WITHHOLDS

- * Serious malocclusions of the mouth and jaw to the extent that the face appears twisted.
- * In Silver Chinchilla, Shaded Silver, Chinchilla Golden, Shaded Golden and Golden Tabby, disqualify for incorrect eye colour. Here, incorrect eye colour is yellow, gold, amber, hazel, or any colour other than green or blue green. Allowance to be made for kittens.
- * Any cat (other than Red or Red Tabby) showing the attributes of Peke Face Persian.
- * All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to Colours & Patterns appendix for complete list.

BREED ORIGIN:	Natural
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	No Foundation Allowed.
	<i>A Persian which is not registered with CCA must provide a 3 generation certified pedigree from CFA registry OR a 7 generation certified pedigree from another cat association recognized by CCA. No AOV or NFS allowed.</i>
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	No Foundation allowed.
	No AOV or NFS allowed.
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	Persian
ALLOWED MATINGS:	Persian

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Refer to the General Preface on the LAST page for disqualifications and objections not listed here.

SOLID
BLACK
BLUE
CREAM
RED
WHITE BLUE-EYED
WHITE GOLD-EYED
WHITE ODD-EYED

SMOKE
BLACK SMOKE
BLUE SMOKE
CAMEO
CREAM CAMEO

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE
BLUE-CREAM SMOKE
TORTOISESHELL SMOKE

SHADED
BLUE SHADED
CAMEO SHADED
CREAM CAMEO SHADED
SILVER SHADED

SHADED PEWTER
BLUE SHADED PEWTER
SILVER SHADED PEWTER

TORTOISESHELL SHADED
BLUE-CREAM SHADED
TORTOISESHELL SHADED

CHINCHILLA
BLUE CHINCHILLA
CAMEO SHELL
CREAM CAMEO SHELL
SILVER CHINCHILLA

CHINCHILLA PEWTER
BLUE CHINCHILLA PEWTER
SILVER CHINCHILLA PEWTER

TORTOISESHELL CHINCHILLA
BLUE-CREAM CHINCHILLA
TORTOISESHELL CHINCHILLA

GOLDEN SHADED
BLUE GOLDEN SHADED
CREAM GOLDEN SHADED
GOLDEN SHADED
RED GOLDEN SHADED

GOLDEN SHADED PEWTER
BLUE GOLDEN SHADED PEWTER
GOLDEN SHADED PEWTER

GOLDEN CHINCHILLA
BLUE GOLDEN CHINCHILLA
CREAM GOLDEN CHINCHILLA
GOLDEN CHINCHILLA
RED GOLDEN CHINCHILLA

GOLDEN CHINCHILLA PEWTER
BLUE GOLDEN CHINCHILLA PEWTER
GOLDEN CHINCHILLA PEWTER

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

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

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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
 CREAM GOLDEN MACKEREL TABBY
 GOLDEN MACKEREL TABBY
 RED GOLDEN MACKEREL TABBY

CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY

BLUE CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY
 BROWN CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY

MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY

BLUE MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY
 BROWN MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY

SILVER CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY

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SILVER MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY

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 SILVER MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY

GOLDEN CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY

BLUE GOLDEN CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY
 GOLDEN CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY

GOLDEN MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY

BLUE GOLDEN MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY
 GOLDEN MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY

TORTOISESHELL

BLUE-CREAM
 TORTOISESHELL

BI-COLOUR COMBINATIONS

All established colours and patterns **with the addition of white** (preferred minimum the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest, and muzzle—ideally an inverted ‘V’). Eye colour copper, blue or odd-eyed (one blue eye and one copper eye): Solids, Smokes, Shaded, Shaded Pewter, Chinchillas, Chinchilla Pewter, Golden Shaded, Golden Shaded Pewters, Golden Chinchillas, Golden Chinchilla Pewters, 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 (*Tortoiseshell with white displays small to medium patches of red on black with the addition of white — not to be confused with Calico)

EXCEPTION: the following colours with white may also have green or hazel eye colour as well as odd-eyes (one blue eye and one green, hazel, or copper eye): Shaded, Chinchillas, Golden Shaded, Golden Chinchillas, Pewters, Silver Tabbies, Golden Tabbies, Silver Patched Tabbies, Golden Patched Tabbies.

CALICO COMBINATIONS

All established colours and patterns distributed as described for the Calico pattern (a tri-colour cat with unbrindled medium to large patches of black and red or blue and cream on a white background). Calico, Dilute Calico, Calico Smoke, Calico Shaded, Calico Chinchilla, Calico Golden Shaded, Calico Golden Chinchilla, Patterned Calico, Patterned Silver Calico, Patterned Golden Calico. Eye colour is Copper, Blue, Odd-eyed each are judged as a separate colour class based on the eye colour.

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VAN COMBINATIONS

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, Shaded Pewter, Chinchillas, Chinchilla Pewter, Golden Shaded, Golden Shaded Pewter, Golden Chinchillas, Golden Chinchilla Pewter, 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, Calico, Calico Smoke, Calico Shaded, Calico Chinchilla, Calico Golden Shaded, Calico Golden Chinchilla, Dilute Calico, Dilute Calico Smoke, Dilute Calico Shaded, Dilute Calico Chinchilla, Dilute Calico Golden Shaded, Dilute Calico Golden Chinchilla, Patterned Calico, Dilute Patterned Calico, (*Tortoiseshell Vans display small to medium patches of red on black restricted to the head and tail — not to be confused with Calico Van) Eye colours for the Van patterns is copper, blue, odd-eyed, which are judged as separate colour classes based on the eye colour.

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

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.

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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