

# SOKOKE

This breed originated in the forests of Sokoke, a district in Kenya. The ideal Sokoke is medium in size with a slender frame, firm muscular development and built for speed. Its distinctive coat has a rough texture that is close lying and shiny, with little or no undercoat enabling you to easily see the skin.

## I – BODY/CONFORMATION (25)

(10) BODY – Medium long, slender, strong and hard with an athletic build. Well developed prominent chest.

(10) LEGS – Long, slender and well muscled. Hind legs longer than the front legs. Hind legs are well angled which contributes to the breeds’ characteristic stance.

(2) FEET – Oval.

(3) TAIL – Medium long. Wide at the base tapering towards the tip.

## II – HEAD TYPE (20)

(10) HEAD – FRONT VIEW – The head is a modified wedge appearing small in relation to the body. The cheek bones are high and well defined. The whisker pads are also well defined without appearing pinched. Strong , broad chin in same vertical plane as nose.

PROFILE – The top head is short and flows into the softly curved bridge of the nose. The nose is medium in length, broad, straight, with a relatively abrupt end at the tip.

(5) EARS – Moderately large, broad at the base, tips slightly rounded, IDEALLY WITH TUFTS at the tip. Medium high set, with the distance of one ear’s width between them.

(5) EYES – Large, slightly almond shaped, wide set with a slight slant towards the nose.

## III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (15)

The coat is very short and close lying, with little or no undercoat. Resilient to the touch with a coarse, rough texture that exhibits a lustrous sheen.

## IV – COLOUR (35)

(30) COLOUR – Any shade of brown classic (blotched) tabby, and seal lynx classic (blotched) tabby. The base pattern should fall within the accepted Classic Tabby pattern description, with the EXCEPTION of agouti hairs (ticked) in the solid areas which is DESIRABLE as a distinctive Sokoke attribute. Nose leather is brick red, outlined with black or seal. Paw pads are black or seal.

(5) EYE COLOUR – Amber to light green, outlined with black or seal.

## V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

The breed is to display both emotional and physical health and vitality. Firm muscular development.

## OBJECTIONS

	DEDUCT
* Oriental head type.	1-2
* Nose stop too distinct.	1-3
* Small ears.	1-3
* Small eyes.	1-2
* Whisker pinch.	1-2
* Short, thick neck.	1-4
* Cobby body.	1-5
* Lack of elegance.	1-5
* Silky coat texture.	2-5
* Lack of agouti ticked hairs in solid portions of pattern	3-5

## WITHHOLDS

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

## RECOGNIZED COLOUR

Brown Classic Tabby and Seal Mink Classic Tabby

BREED ORIGIN:	Natural
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	F1 (Only Sokoke cats imported from the Sokoke district in Kenya, Africa. Their origin must be officially proven by waybill.)
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	F3
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	Sokoke
ALLOWED MATINGS:	Sokoke

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