

YORK CHOCOLATE

The York Chocolate occurred naturally as a working cat. The first kitten, "Brownie", was born in 1983 in Grafton, New York and all bonafide cats are descended from her. The first "lavender" appeared around 1990. Mature males may weigh 10 – 16 pounds. The fur is silky soft and requires little or no grooming. Shedding is minimal. This breed is bright and intelligent. They are energetic and playful with an easy going personality.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (30)

(20) BODY – Medium to large with smooth flowing body lines. Neck is short to medium. Chest is full and rounded. Boning is sturdy; musculature firm. The rump is slightly higher than the front.

(5) LEGS & FEET – Medium to large in length and well muscled. Paws are large, rounded and slightly tufted.

(5) TAIL – Medium to long, the length is comparable to the length of the body. Wide at the base and tapering to a rounded tip.

II – HEAD TYPE (30)

(10) HEAD – Modified wedge, medium in size and in proportion to the body. Longer than wide when whiskers and facial hair are smoothed back. Muzzle moderately rounded, neither short nor sharply pointed. In profile, the skull is slightly rounded; the nose has a slight dip. A slight whisker break, gently curved following the lines of the wedge. Chin is gently contoured and strong.

(5) EARS – Large, pointed, tufted, tilting forward. Broad at base, set well apart and continuing wedge line. Little hair is present on the outer ear, the colour may show through.

(5) EYES – Medium in size, almond shaped, slanted slightly towards nose. One eye length apart. Colour deep gold, green or hazel.

III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (15)

Medium in length, smooth and glossy. Soft and silky to the roots. Hair is shorter on the face, belly and lower legs; longer on back, sides and upper legs. Slight frontal ruff. Tail hair to spread out like a plume. Ears and toes are tufted.

IV – COLOUR (20)

Allowances to be made for kittens and adolescents (up to 12 months) which are significantly lighter than the mature cat and may have some barring and tipping. No penalty shall be applied for thermal effect in coat. White lockets or spots on the chest or belly is allowed but solid colour is preferred.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

Coat to have a glossy sheen and flows over body lines accentuating graceful, flexible body movement. An appearance of good health and vitality.

OBJECTIONS

	DEDUCT
* Cobby body, angularity or boniness.	1-3
* Small ears.	1-3
* Round or large eyes.	1-3
* Wooly undercoat.	1-3

WITHHOLDS

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

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Chocolate, Lavender, Chocolate & White, Lavender & White

BREED ORIGIN:	Natural
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	F1 allowed
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	F1 allowed
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	York Chocolate, Solid and Bi-Coloured Domestic Longhairs, (signed documentation must be obtained from the York Chocolate Society Genetics Committee for these domestic longhairs). No sex linked orange gene allowed. Outcrosses allowed until October 23, 2004.
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