

AMERICAN SHORTHAIR

The American Shorthair is a true breed of working cat. Originally known as the Domestic Shorthair, with more and more breeders taking an interest in the breed, it was renamed the American Shorthair in 1966. The general effect is that of a strongly built, well balanced, and symmetrical breed. Females may be less massive in all respects and are to be rewarded equally if overall balance is correct.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (35)

(20) BODY – Ranges from medium to large. Well knit. Slightly longer than overall height, Solidly built, powerful and muscular with well-developed shoulders, chest and hindquarters. Broad, straight level back.

(5) NECK – medium, muscular and strong.

(5) LEGS & FEET – Medium in length, medium boned. Straight legs. Paws firm, full and rounded with heavy pads.

(5) TAIL – Length, when measured along the body the tip reaches the shoulder blades. Thick at base tapering to blunt end.

II – HEAD TYPE (25)

(10) FULL FACE – Large with full cheeks. Slightly longer than wide. Sweet open expression. Muzzle squared. Strong jaw. When viewed from front, there is no dome between ears.

(5) PROFILE – Nose medium length. Gentle concave curve from bridge of nose of forehead.

(5) EARS – Medium in size slightly rounded at tips and not unduly opened at base. Set on corner of square.

(5) EYES – Large, wide set with width of one eye between the eyes. Set oblique. Shape – almond on top, round on bottom. Bright, clear and alert.

III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (5)

Short, thick, lustrous, hard in texture and even length.

IV – COLOUR (25)

(20) COAT COLOUR – See Colour Description for more details.

(5) EYE COLOUR – Ranges from copper to green (except blue or odd eyed in Whites). Eye colour does not relate to coat colour.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE (10)

Hard and muscular giving a general appearance of power and activity.

OBJECTIONS

- * Excessive cobbiness or ranginess.
- * Very short tail.

DEDUCT

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WITHHOLDS

- * Long or fluffy fur, deep nose break, bulging eye set, brow ridge.
- * Any features so exaggerated as to foster weakness.
- * All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to Colours & Patterns for a complete list.

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| BREED ORIGIN: | Natural |
| REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: | No Foundation. No AOV. |
| SHOWING REQUIREMENTS: | No Foundation. No AOV. |
| ALLOWED ANCESTRY: | American Shorthair |
| ALLOWED MATINGS: | American Shorthair |

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EYE COLOUR:

The accepted eye colour for the majority of coat colours within the American Shorthair breed is gold. Exceptions to the aforementioned eye colours are: Shaded or Chinchilla Silver are required to have green eyes. Shaded or Chinchilla Golden may have green or hazel eye colour. Any of the Tabby Silver colours including the Patched Tabby Silver colours are allowed to have gold, green or hazel eye colour. The occurrence of blue-eyed or odd-eyed Bi-colours or Vans is allowed.

SOLID

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

SMOKE

- BLACK SMOKE
- BLUE SMOKE
- CAMEO
- CREAM CAMEO

SHADED

- BLUE SHADED
- CAMEO SHADED
- CREAM CAMEO SHADED
- SILVER SHADED

CHINCHILLA

- BLUE CHINCHILLA
- CAMEO SHELL
- CREAM CAMEO SHELL
- SILVER CHINCHILLA

GOLDEN SHADED

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

GOLDEN CHINCHILLA

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

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

SPOTTED TABBY

- BLUE SPOTTED TABBY
- BROWN SPOTTED TABBY
- CREAM SPOTTED TABBY
- RED SPOTTED TABBY

TICKED TABBY

- BLUE TICKED TABBY
- BROWN TICKED TABBY
- CREAM TICKED TABBY
- RED TICKED 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

SILVER SPOTTED TABBY

- BLUE SILVER SPOTTED TABBY
- CAMEO SPOTTED TABBY
- CREAM CAMEO SPOTTED TABBY
- SILVER SPOTTED TABBY

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SILVER TICKED TABBY

- BLUE SILVER TICKED TABBY
- CAMEO TICKED TABBY
- CREAM CAMEO TICKED TABBY
- SILVER TICKED TABBY

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

GOLDEN SPOTTED TABBY

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- GOLDEN SPOTTED TABBY
- RED GOLDEN SPOTTED TABBY

GOLDEN TICKED TABBY

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- GOLDEN TICKED TABBY
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CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY

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MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY

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TICKED PATCHED TABBY

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- BROWN TICKED PATCHED TABBY

SILVER CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY

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SILVER MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY

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GOLDEN TICKED PATCHED TABBY

- BLUE GOLDEN TICKED PATCHED TABBY
- GOLDEN TICKED PATCHED TABBY

TORTOISESHELL

- BLUE-CREAM
- TORTOISESHELL

CONTINUED...

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE

BLUE-CREAM SMOKE

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE

TORTOISESHELL SHADED

BLUE-CREAM SHADED

TORTOISESHELL SHADED

TORTOISESHELL GOLDEN SHADED

BLUE-CREAM GOLDEN SHADED

TORTOISESHELL GOLDEN SHADED

BI-COLOUR (with white)

All established colours and patterns with the addition of white for Solids, Smokes, Shaded, Chinchillas, Golden Shaded, Golden Chinchilla, Tabbies, Silver Tabbies, Golden Tabbies, Patched Tabbies, Silver Patched Tabbies, Golden Patched Tabbies, Tortoiseshells, Tortoiseshell Smokes, Tortoiseshell Shaded, Tortoiseshell Chinchilla, Tortoiseshell Golden Shaded, Tortoiseshell Golden Chinchilla. Eye colours for the Bi-colour patterns is gold, blue, odd-eyed, which are judged as separate colour classes based on the eye colour.

CALICO

CALICO

CALICO BLUE EYED

CALICO ODD EYED

DILUTE CALICO

DILUTE CALICO BLUE EYED

DILUTE CALICO ODD EYED

Additional Calico Combinations:

All established colours for the Calico pattern: Calico Smoke, Calico Shaded, Calico Chinchilla, Calico Golden Shaded, Calico Golden Chinchilla Patterned Calico, Patterned Silver Calico, Patterned Golden Calico. Eye colour is Gold, Blue, Odd-eyed which are judged as separate colour classes based on the eye colour.

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.

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, Shaded, Chinchillas, Golden Shaded, Golden Chinchilla, Tabbies, Silver Tabbies, Golden Tabbies, Patched Tabbies, Silver Patched Tabbies, Golden Patched Tabbies, Tortoiseshells, Tortoiseshell Smokes, Tortoiseshell Shaded, Tortoiseshell Chinchilla, Tortoiseshell Golden Shaded, Tortoiseshell Golden Chinchilla. Eye colours for the Van patterns is gold, 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.