

AMERICAN WIREHAIR

The American Wirehair, is a spontaneous mutation of the American Shorthair. The only difference is the stiff, wiry coat. The general effect is that of a strongly built, well balanced cat without exaggeration of any feature that takes away from the conformation indicating power, endurance and agility. Females may be less massive in all respects than males and are to be rewarded equally if overall balance is correct.

I – BODY/CONFORMATION (35)

(20) BODY – Medium to large, well knit, powerful and muscular with a full-developed chest.

(5) NECK – Short and in proportion to body.

(5) LEGS & FEET – Medium in length, firm boned and heavily muscled. Paws firm, rounded.

(5) TAIL – Thick at base, tapering gradually to rounded tip. In proportion to body.

II – HEAD TYPE (30)

(10) FULL FACE – Broad with well developed cheeks giving impression of an oblong shape – just slightly longer than wide. Squarish muzzle. Eyes set wide apart. Rounded skull. Nose medium in length, same width for entire length.

(6) PROFILE – Nose gently rises in a curve from bridge of nose to forehead. Forehead forms smooth continuous curve flowing over top of head into neck. Chin firm and well developed forming a perpendicular line with upper lip.

(5) EARS – Medium in size, rounded tips. Set wide apart and not unduly opened at base.

(5) EYES – Round. Set well apart.

III – COAT

TEXTURE/DENSITY/LENGTH (15)

Springy, tight and medium in length, Individual hairs crimped, hooked or bent, including hair in ears. Overall appearance of wiry, coarse and resilience is more important than crimping of each hair. Density of wired coat leads to ringlets rather than waves. Coat is dense, resilient, crimped and coarse. Curly whiskers.

IV – COLOUR (15)

(10) COAT COLOUR – See Colour Description for more details. For cats with special markings, allot 5 points for pattern and 5 points for colour.

(5) EYE COLOUR – Eye colour must conform to colour description.

V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

Hard and muscular giving appearance of power and activity.

OBJECTIONS

	DEDUCT
* Long or fluffy coat.	5-10
* Excessive cobbliness or ranginess.	3-5
* Short tail.	2-3
* Obesity or emaciation.	1-3

WITHHOLDS

- * Lack of stiffness or wiriness.
- * Deep nose break.
- * All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

RECOGNIZED COLOURS

Refer to Colours & Patterns appendix for a complete list.

BREED ORIGIN:	Mutation
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	F1 allowed if crossed with American Shorthair. No AOV
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	F2 Allowed. No AOV
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	American Wirehair, American Shorthair
ALLOWED MATINGS:	American Wirehair, American Shorthair

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EYE COLOUR:

The accepted eye colour for the majority of coat colours within the American Wirehair 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
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GOLDEN SPOTTED TABBY

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GOLDEN TICKED TABBY

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 GOLDEN TICKED TABBY
 RED GOLDEN TICKED TABBY

CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY

BLUE CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY
 BROWN CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY

MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY

BLUE MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY
 BROWN MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY

SPOTTED PATCHED TABBY

BLUE SPOTTED PATCHED TABBY
 BROWN SPOTTED PATCHED TABBY

TICKED PATCHED TABBY

BLUE TICKED PATCHED TABBY
 BROWN TICKED PATCHED TABBY

SILVER CLASSIC PATCHED TABBY

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SILVER MACKEREL PATCHED TABBY

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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.