

SAVANNAH (SV)



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CATEGORY: Traditional.
DIVISIONS: Solid, Tabby and Silver/Smoke Division.
COLORS: Black, Brown (Black) Spotted Tabby, Black Silver Spotted Tabby and Black Smoke.

**PERMISSIBLE
OUTCROSSES:** None

HEAD:

Shape: Triangular shape. The brow line over the eyes; and the sides follow down the jaw bone Rounded muzzle. The forehead and ears form a rectangle from brow line to the tops of the ears. Small head in proportion to the body.

Ears: Remarkably large and set high on the head. Wide with a deep base. Very upright and rounded tops. The outside base of the ear should start at the height of the eyes, but higher set is allowed. The inside base of the ears is set close at the top of the head; ideally, a vertical line can be drawn from the inner corner of the eye up to the inner base of the ear. Ear furnishings can be present; Ocelli are desirable.

Eyes: Medium sized and set underneath a slightly hooded brow. Top of the eye resembles a boomerang set at the exact angle so that the corner of the eye slopes down the line of the nose. The bottom half of the eye is almond shape. The eyes are moderate deep set, low on the forehead, and minimal one eye width apart. All eye colours are allowed and are independent of coat color.

Chin: From the frontal view the chin tapers to follow the triangle of the head. In profile, the nose is slightly protruding which may cause the chin to appear recessed

Muzzle: The muzzle is tapered with no break. It falls within the bottom portion of the facial triangle that runs from the brow to the point of the chin. No pronounced whisker pads.

Profile: The forehead is a straight to slightly convex curve from the top of the head to the ridge just above the eye where there is a slight change of direction and a straight to very-slight concave curve from that ridge to the tip of the nose.

Nose: Viewing from the front, the nose is wide across the top with low set nostrils. Slight downward turn at the end, giving a rounded appearance. Nose leather is slightly convex and wraps up over the nose.

Neck: Long and lean.

BODY:

Torso: Long, lean and well-muscled with a full deep rib cage and prominent shoulder blades with a slight tuck-up and a rounded rump. The hip and thigh are full and long and somewhat heavy in proportion to the rest of the body.

Legs : Longer than average, well muscled, without appearing heavy or overly delicate. Back legs are slightly longer than the front legs.

Feet: Medium oval

Tail: Medium to thick in width. Medium long, ending between the hock and just above ground level when

standing. Tail should taper slightly to a blunt end. Whippy tails are not desired.

Boning: Medium boning

Musculature: Firm and well-developed, yet smooth.

COAT: Short to medium in length with good substance and a slightly coarse feel to it. Coarser guard hairs cover a softer undercoat; the spots have a notably softer texture than the guard hairs. The coat is not inordinately dense and lies relatively flat against the body.

COLORS: Black, brown (black) spotted tabby, black silver spotted tabby, black smoke. No preference is given to ground color on the brown (black) spotted tabby. Bold, solid markings are preferred on all tabbies. In any variation the lips are black Prominent tear duct lines. The nose leather can be pink to brick red surrounded by liner, solid black, or black with a pink to brick center stripe. In black the nose leather must be solid black.

SPOTTED PATTERN ONLY. Spots are made up of bold, solid dark-brown to black spots, which can be round, oval, or elongated. A series of parallel stripes, from the back of the head to just over the shoulder blades, fan out slightly over the back and the spotting pattern follows the line of the stripes from the shoulders continuing the length of the body. Smaller spots will be found on the legs and feet as well as on the face. In the black Savannah ghost spotting may occur. Visible spotting pattern on the smoke Savannah is preferred. In all divisions, any visible pattern must be spotted.

TEMPERAMENT: The ideal Savannah is to be a confident, alert, curious and friendly cat.

ALLOWANCES: Females proportionately smaller than males

PENALIZE: Rosettes. Spots that are any color other than dark brown to black. Lockets. Vertically aligned spots or mackerel tabby type stripes. Cobby body. Small ears.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): Extra toes.