



<b>HEAD</b> . . . . .	.40 points
Shape . . . . .	10
Ears . . . . .	10
Eyes . . . . .	10
Chin . . . . .	2
Muzzle . . . . .	3
Profile . . . . .	.3
Neck . . . . .	.2

<b>BODY</b> . . . . .	.25 points
Torso . . . . .	.8
Legs . . . . .	.2
Feet . . . . .	.2
Tail . . . . .	.3
Boning . . . . .	.5
Musculature . . . . .	.5

<b>COAT/COLOR</b> .35 points	
Length . . . . .	5
Texture . . . . .	.10
Pattern . . . . .	.10
Color . . . . .	.10

**CATEGORY:** Sepia.  
**DIVISION:** Tabby.  
**COLOR:** Sable Ticked ONLY.

**PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:** Domestic Shorthair from South Asia Regions resembling a similar phenotype. In addition, all Foundation Cat registrations will require screening for all testable genetic diseases and clear of any structural mutations, whether visual or testable, and good health.

#### HEAD:

**Shape:** Rounded skull in both directions but not domed, with rounded width at the outer eye and well balanced. Medium length and in proportion to the muzzle length. Proper width at the eyes and through the muzzle gives the impression of "high cheekbones" There should be a smooth flow from the nose bridge over the top of the head. Proper head type is a very important consideration when judging this breed.

**Muzzle:** Medium short and broad with a blunt nose. A definite though not extreme whisker break. Not slender or pointy.

**Chin:** Well-developed rounded chin. Not receding or projecting.

**Ears:** Large with an alert appearance, slightly to moderately pointed, wide open at the base and deep cupped. Set is medium broad. Definite light colored ear furnishings.

**Eyes:** Large almond eyes, not protruding or receding, giving neither a rounded nor oriental appearance. The eyes are accented by a darker lid skin encircled by a light-colored area and facial markings highlighting the eyes. Set not less than an eye's width apart. Celadon green, hazel, green, gold or copper with brilliance preferred.

**Neck:** Short and thick.

**Profile:** Short, curved rise to the nose between the brow and muzzle with a very slight stop below eye level. Not a break, Slight indentation marking the transition to the muzzle.

#### BODY:

**Torso:** Medium to small, not cobby or rangy. The body with legs and floor should form a square Mid-section firm. Rounded rib cage, slightly arched. Not tucked up.

**Legs and Feet:** Heavy legs and well-muscled, tapering to a fine lower leg boning. Sm back all, short, oval feet.

**Tail:** Short of shoulder. It tends toward slender not whippy and ends with a blunt tip.

**Boning/Musculature:** Stocky and muscular, not fat, Solid to the feel especially the neck and chest.

#### COAT:

**Length/Texture:** Fine texture, not plush or springy, lying close to the body. Not an oriental "painted on coat", but one which can carry sufficient bands of ticking. Allowance for slightly thicker or longer coat in kittens. Woolliness undesirable. Coat is longest at the spine where the ticking is most intense.

**Pattern:** Ticked tabby, with four or more alternating bands of light and dark color. At least two bands of dark with the outer tip band dark and the lightest band next to the skin. Outer part of the body has less noticeable ticking. The most intense ticking is across the upper back allowing for a fully ticked, dark spine line. Space between ears can be dark but must be ticked. Underside of body usually appears unticked. Ticking should exhibit intense contrast and is a most important feature of this breed. Barring on the inner front

legs and on the back knees is another important feature and should be readily apparent. Allowance to be made for slow development of faint barring in immature cats. Barring on the outer front legs is a fault. Well-defined facial markings should off the eyes in contrast to the lighter base color. Curved "puma lines" extending from the inside eye corners onto the cheeks are preferred. A definite tabby "M" is the only forehead pattern allowed. Dark spine line is not a fault.

**Color:** Rich sable ticking only. Ground color a warm "old ivory" tending to yellow tones. Muzzle, chin, chest and stomach the color of unbleached muslin. Nose leather a pale to dark salmon. Eyeliner, nose outline, whisker apertures, hair between the toes to be dark brown. Paw pads to be dark seal brown with rosy undertones allowed. Tail tip to be dark seal brown. Salmon tones to the ears and bridge of nose desirable. The preferred color effect is of a warm, glowing, lightly shaded, richly ticked cat with strongly contrasting markings. Coldness and gray tones are not desirable, but allowance may be made for kittens because warmth generally improves with age.

#### ALLOWANCES:

Jowls in adult males

**PENALIZE:** Small ears, small eyes, springy or plush coat, coldness and predominant gray tones, lack of leg barring, prominent outer front leg barring, dark necklaces, too short in muzzle, anything more than a slight indentation as a nose stop, non-visible tail faults.

**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):** Unbroken necklaces and circular leg bracelets, barring on the tail, white lockets, definite blue or aqua eyes, unticked top of head, removed ear furnishings. Paw pad or tail tip color inconsistent with sepia category. Lack of any ticking (a solid cat). Blue eyes.

**DISQUALIFY (DQ):** Visibly kinked tail. Undershot or overshot jaw, any malocclusion of the jaws.