



Cat Federation of Southern Africa

Standard of Points

ABYSSINIAN / SOMALI – ABY / SOM

The Abyssinian is a colourful cat with a distinctly ticked short coat. Medium in size, lithe, hard and muscular. Rounded facial outline. Ears set so to appear pricked. Lively and alert with a regal attitude and friendly nature.

HEAD	A modified slightly rounded wedge, without flat planes, of medium proportions. Gently rounded brow. A shallow indentation forming the muzzle is desirable. Firm and well developed chin.	
NOSE	Medium long with a very slight nose break.	
EARS	Medium to large, broad at base. Widely spaced, well cupped and pricked. Thumbprint and ear tufts at tip of ears are not essential.	
EYES	Large, almond in shape, set well apart, bright and expressive. Colour: Amber, Green or Yellow	
NECK	Elegantly arched	
BODY	Medium in size and built. Lithe and muscular without coarseness.	
LEGS	Medium length, slender and elegant in proportion to body.	
PAWS	Small and oval with a tiptoe stance.	
TAIL	Fairly long and tapering, broad at base.	
COAT	<p><u>ABYSSINIAN</u> Short, fine and close-lying. Resilient to the touch with a lustrous sheen. Ticked with 2 or 3 bands of dark colour. Underside of body, chest and inside of legs without ticking.</p> <p><u>SOMALI</u> Medium length, slightly shorter over shoulders acceptable. Ruff and breeches give the cat a full coated appearance and is desirable. Extremely fine and very dense, soft to the touch. Ticked with 2 or 3 bands of dark colour. Underside of body, chest and inside of legs without ticking. Note: Ticking development is slow and allowance should be made for cats up to the age of 2 years.</p>	
MARKINGS	Facial markings acceptable. Dark outlines to eyes encircled by a lighter coloured fur. Spotted whisker pads. A dark spine line (eal line) is acceptable. Necklaces if present must be broken. Pads set in dark fur, which extends up back of hind legs. Tail ends in a solid tip of dark colour. White fur only on chin and around nostrils acceptable.	
FAULTS	Bars on legs, body and tail. Grey undercoat. Cobby appearance Oriental type	<u>Faults precluding an award</u> White locket or white extending beyond necklaces or above nostrils. Unbroken necklaces. Bars on all four legs. Reversed ticking in major portion of coat. Lack of ticking on parts of coat where desired. Grey undercoat extending throughout a major portion of the body.

SCALE OF POINTS	Head and Ears	15
	Body, Legs and Tail	15
	Coat - Texture, Colour and Ticking.	45
	Eyes – Shape and Colour	10
	Overall Balance	10
	Condition	5

ABYSSINIAN / SOMALI NON-SILVER COLOURS

COLOURS	COAT	NOSE LEATHER	PADS
RUDDY	Ruddy brown ticked and tipped with black or dark brown. Base colour deep orange or apricot. Belly and inside of legs orange or apricot. Fur up back of hind legs and tail tip black or dark brown.	Brick red outlined with black.	Black or dark brown
SORREL	Bright warm copper ticked and tipped with chocolate. Base colour and underparts deep apricot. Fur up back of hind legs and tail tip chocolate.	Pink	Pink
CHOCOLATE	Rich coppery brown ticked and tipped with dark chocolate. Base colour and underparts paler copper. Fur up back of hind legs and tail tip rich dark chocolate.	Pinkish chocolate	Chocolate
BLUE	Warm blue-grey ticked and tipped with deeper steel blue-grey. Base colour and underparts oatmeal. Fur up back of hind legs and tail tip deep steel blue-grey.	Dark pink outlined with blue-grey	Mauvish blue-grey
LILAC	Warm shade of pinkish dove grey ticked and tipped with deeper dove grey. Base colour and underparts pinkish cream. Fur up back of hind legs and tail tip pinkish dove grey.	Mauvish pink	Mauvish pink
FAWN	Warm fawn ticked and tipped with deeper fawn. Base colour and underparts fawnish / cream. Fur up back of hind legs and tail tip fawn.	Pink	Pink



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ABYSSINIAN / SOMALI SILVER COLOURS

All silver varieties – the undercoat to be pure white

COLOURS	COAT	NOSE LEATHER	PADS
BLACK	Clear silver ticked and tipped with black. Base colour and underparts silver white Fur up back of hind legs and tail tip black.	Brick red outlined with black.	Black
SORREL	Silvery peach ticked and tipped with chocolate. Base colour and underparts silvery white. Fur up back of hind legs and tail tip chocolate.	Pink	Pink
CHOCOLATE	Soft silvery brown ticked and tipped with dark chocolate. Base colour and underparts silvery white. Fur up back of hind legs and tail tip chocolate.	Pinkish chocolate	Pinkish chocolate
BLUE	Silvery blue-grey ticked and tipped with deeper steel blue. Base colour and underparts silvery white. Fur up back of hind legs and tail tip deep steel blue-grey.	Dark pink	Mauvish blue-grey
LILAC	Silver dove grey ticked and tipped with dove grey. Base colour and underparts silvery white. Fur up back of hind legs and tail tip dove grey.	Mauvish pink	Mauvish pink
FAWN	Silvery fawn ticked and tipped with fawn. Base colour and underparts silvery white. Fur up back of hind legs and tail tip fawn.	Mauvish pink	Mauvish pink