



# Cat Federation of Southern Africa

## Standard of Points

### GLOSSARY

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| <b>Agouti</b>             | The colour between a Tabby's stripes.  |
| <b>Almond</b>             | Eye shape oval, pointed at inner corner.   |
| <b>Aqua</b>               | Light bluish-green (aquamarine) colour.  |
| <b>Auburn</b>             | Deep red.  |
| <b>Bars</b>               | Stripes.   |
| <b>Blaze</b>              | Distinct markings of white or contrasting colour to body, on the cat's nose and/or forehead.   |
| <b>Bombay</b>             | A solid black cat of Burmese type.   |
| <b>Brick</b>              | Brick-red nose leather colour.   |
| <b>Brindling</b>          | Hairs of the wrong colour intermingled with those of the correct colour.   |
| <b>Brush</b>              | A bushy or plume-like tail of a longhaired cat.  |
| <b>Butterfly</b>          | The pattern of markings seen on the shoulders of correctly patterned classic tabbies.  |
| <b>Button</b>             | A white or contrasting colour patch anywhere on the body.  |
| <b>Calico</b>             | Coat consisting of patches of two colours and white.   |
| <b>Chinchilla</b>         | A black shell Persian.   |
| <b>Cobby</b>              | Short, compact and sturdy on low legs.   |
| <b>Cold coat</b>          | Coat exhibiting blue or grey tinges.   |
| <b>Colourpoint</b>        | Himalayan pointed Persian.   |
| <b>Cryptorchid</b>        | A male cat with both testicles not descended.  |
| <b>Dense</b>              | Thick, full coat.  |
| <b>Eal line</b>           | The darker shading of the ticking along the spine line in tabby varieties.   |
| <b>Even</b>               | Appearance of uniform coat colour.   |
| <b>Flare</b>              | Widening at base of outer edge of ears.  |
| <b>Frill</b>              | *See Ruff  |
| <b>Furnished</b>          | Provided with hair.  |
| <b>Gauntlets</b>          | Flash on back of hind feet, extending towards hock, tapering to a point.   |
| <b>Gloves</b>             | White foreparts of Birman and Ragdoll paws.  |
| <b>Ghost</b>              | Tabby markings sometimes seen in solid colour adults or young kittens.   |
| <b>Havana</b>             | Chocolate brown Oriental.  |
| <b>Haw</b>                | Nictitating membrane. Third or inner eyelid.   |
| <b>Hazel</b>              | Light brown, flecked with yellow or green.   |
| <b>Himalayan</b>          | Coat pattern of light body with dark points.   |
| <b>Hood</b>               | Completely dark head in pointed breeds.  |
| <b>Hot coat</b>           | Coat exhibiting pronounced reddish tinges.   |
| <b>Intermingled</b>       | Fur of two colours mingled together.   |
| <b>Jowls</b>              | Thickening in the area of the sides of the lower jaw of adult males.   |
| <b>Kink</b>               | A malformation or thickening of a joint in the tail.   |
| <b>Level bite</b>         | Upper and lower teeth line up.   |
| <b>Locket</b>             | A white or contrasting colour patch under the neck.  |
| <b>Magnolia</b>           | Off-white with a faint pinkish or lilac tone coat colour.  |
| <b>Mantle</b>             | Shading heavier than that of tipped varieties, but not as heavy as smoke, giving the impression of a darker mantle over a white base coat. |
| <b>Mask</b>               | Darker colour covering face on pointed breeds.   |
| <b>Markings</b>           | Pattern on head and body in tabby varieties.   |
| <b>Massive</b>            | Large, substantial and proportionally heavy.   |
| <b>Monorchid</b>          | A male cat with only one testicle descended.   |
| <b>Muffs</b>              | Thick soft growth of fur at base of outer edge of ear.   |
| <b>Muzzle</b>             | The projecting jaw and nose of the cat.  |
| <b>Necklace</b>           | Band of dark colour round base of neck.  |
| <b>Nose break</b>         | A gentle concave curve where forehead meets nose.  |
| <b>Nose leather</b>       | Hairless skin around nostrils.   |
| <b>Oligodactyl</b>        | A cat that has too few toes.   |
| <b>Odd-eyed</b>           | One eye blue the other as applicable to the pattern and/or colour of the breed without white.  |
| <b>Oriental eye shape</b> | Elliptical eye shape. Pointed at inner corner and outer corners.   |
| <b>Overshot</b>           | Lower jaw recedes.   |
| <b>Overtyped</b>          | Showing any characteristic feature to an exaggerated degree.   |
| <b>Patched</b>            | Fur that has patches of different colours and white.   |
| <b>Pencillings</b>        | The delicate pencil-like markings on the faces of tabbies.   |
| <b>Pewter</b>             | Silver shaded coat with orange or copper eye colour found in Persians.   |
| <b>Pinch</b>              | Indentation in the line of the muzzle below cheek bones.   |
| <b>Points</b>             | The points are on the head, ears, legs, paws and tail which are darker than the body colour, as seen in pointed cats.                      |
| <b>Polydactyl</b>         | A cat that has too many toes.  |



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| <b>Plume</b>           | Feathered tail.  |
| <b>Reverse ticking</b> | When ticked hairs show slight colour at the tips.  |
| <b>Rings</b>           | Tabby tail and leg markings.   |
| <b>Ruff</b>            | A collar of projecting fur completely encircling neck in longhaired cats.                                  |
| <b>Rufous</b>          | Deep reddish brown.  |
| <b>Rustiness</b>       | Reddish brown shading.   |
| <b>Scarab</b>          | Beetle shaped outline on the head occurring in certain tabby breeds.                                       |
| <b>Self</b>            | The same colour fur all over.  |
| <b>Shading</b>         | Coat tipped or shaded with darker or lighter colour.   |
| <b>Silver</b>          | Colour is inhibited along hair shaft – Shell, Shaded and Smoke.  |
| <b>Snub</b>            | Extremely short upturned nose.   |
| <b>Solid colour</b>    | Same depth of colour from root to tip of hair.   |
| <b>Spectacle</b>       | Area of light hair surrounding eyelids.  |
| <b>Squint</b>          | Fixed unilateral or bilateral convergence of the eyes towards the nose.                                    |
| <b>Standard</b>        | The characteristics required for each variety, for which 100 points are given.                             |
| <b>Sternum</b>         | Breast bone.   |
| <b>Stop</b>            | Firm nose break that is not rounded.   |
| <b>Svelte</b>          | Lithe and lean.  |
| <b>Tabby</b>           | Agouti expression resulting in stripes in one of four patterns i.e. Classic, Mackerel, Spotted and Ticked. |
| <b>Thumbprint</b>      | Light coloured areas on back of tabby point ears.  |
| <b>Ticking</b>         | Alternate bands of light and dark colour on each individual hair.  |
| <b>Tipping</b>         | Contrasting colour on tip of each hair.  |
| <b>Tracings</b>        | Thin lines of colour connecting ears to mask in pointed breeds.  |
| <b>Tufts</b>           | Hair growing from the ears or between toes.  |
| <b>Type</b>            | The structural appearance of the cat.  |
| <b>Undershot</b>       | Lower jaw protrudes.   |
| <b>Warm coat</b>       | Coat exhibiting fawn, brown or cream tinges.   |
| <b>Wedge</b>           | Triangular shape head.   |
| <b>Whip</b>            | Long thin tapering tail.   |
| <b>Whisker break</b>   | *See Pinch   |
| <b>Whorls</b>          | Roundels or rosettes on flanks and sometimes cheeks in certain breeds of tabbies.                          |
| <b>Xiphoid</b>         | Cartilaginous appendage to lower end of sternum.   |