



Cat Federation of Southern Africa

Standard of Points

MAINE COON – MCO (Revised February 2011)

The Maine Coon is a medium length haired cat. These cats are tough and hardy with a dense rugged coat which is longer on back and tail. The longish tail and back emphasizes body length. The squared-muzzled head appears small relative to the size of the body. Males are considerably larger than females. The independent nature and demeanour of an alert, capable hunter befits their working ancestry.

HEAD	Medium in size with square outline. Cheekbones high and prominent, with squareness to muzzle. Chin firm and in line with nose and upper lip.
NOSE	Medium in length with a slight concave slope in profile.
EARS	Large, wide at base tapering to appear pointed. Slightly cupped with a forward tilt. Set high on head and spaced one ear width apart. Featherings in the ears extend beyond outer edges of ears.
EYES	Large and full, spaced well apart and set at a slight slant.
EYE COLOUR	Bright, clear and pure in colour Green, gold or copper. Blue eyes or odd-eyes allowed for white or patched patterned cats.
NECK	Medium long.
BODY	Large in size. Long and in proportion to create a rectangular appearance. Hard muscular and powerful. Broad chest. Square rump.
LEGS	Medium in length and strong.
PAWS	Large, round and well tufted.
TAIL	At least as long as the back. Wide at base and tapering with full flowing hair.
COAT	Heavy and shaggy. Soft and fine undercoat covered by a substantial topcoat. Short on head, neck and shoulders lengthening gradually down back, flanks and tail. Trousers and belly fur full and shaggy. Frontal ruff desirable. Texture silky with coat falling smoothly.
EYE COLOURS NOT ALLOWED	Blue in non-White and non Bi-colour or Parti-colour cats.
COAT COLOURS AND PATTERNS NOT ALLOWED	Colours Chocolate, lilac, Cinnamon, Fawn, Caramel Pointed Patterns Pointed Patterns with White. Spotted and ticked Tabby
FAULTS	Unbalanced proportions Fine bone structure. Round or pointed muzzle.
Faults Precluding an award	Definite nose break or straight profile. Coat of overall even length.

SCALE OF POINTS	Head	15
	Ears	10
	Eyes	5
	Eye Colour	5
	Body, legs, paws, and tail	25
	Coat length and texture	15
	Coat Colour and Pattern	10
	Overall balance	10
	Condition	5

MAINE COON COLOURS (Revised February 2011)

SELF

SOLID White	EYE COLOUR	PAGE
	Green, gold, or copper.	63
	Blue Odd-Eyed: One eye blue the other green, gold, or copper	
Black, Blue, Red, Cream	Green, Gold or copper	63
TORTIE Black, Blue	EYE COLOUR	PAGE
	Green, Gold or copper	64



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PATCHED Bicolour / Harlequin / Van

NB: In Bi-Colour, Harlequin & Van - **Blue** and **Odd-Eyes** also accepted

Odd-Eyed: One eye blue the other as required per pattern/colour description of the Breed without white.

SOLID	EYE COLOUR	PAGE
Black, Blue, Red, Cream	Green, gold or copper	68
TORTIE (Calico) Black, Blue,		71
SOLID TABBY (Classic and Mackerel) Black, Blue, Red, Cream		68
TORTIE TABBY (Classic and Mackerel) Black, Blue		69
SILVER TABBY (Classic and Mackerel) Black, Blue, Red, Cream		69
SILVER TORTIE TABBY (Classic and Mackerel) Black, Blue		69
SMOKE /SHADED Black, Blue, Red, Cream		69
Black Tortie, Blue Tortie		

TABBY (Classic and mackerel)

SOLID	EYE COLOUR	PAGE
Black, Blue, Red, Cream	Green, gold or copper.	87
TORTIE TABBY Black, Blue		87
SILVER TABBY Black, Blue, Red, Cream		88
SILVER TORTIE TABBY Black, Blue,		88

SILVERS

SMOKE /SHADED	EYE COLOUR	PAGE
Black, Blue, Red, Cream	Green, gold or copper.	72
Black Tortie, Blue Tortie		73