



Cat Federation of Southern Africa

Standard of Points

OCICAT – OCI

The Ocicat is a rather large cat, shorthaired, with a well designed pattern of spots. The impression of power and strength is important. The entire coat apart from the tip of the tail consists of banded hairs. “Mascara” lines extend from eyes to cheeks, alert ear set. Known for its “wild-cat” appearance the Ocicat is a friendly animal.

HEAD	Modified wedge, rounded contours. Broad muzzle with a suggestion of squareness, showing good length in profile. Strong chin with a firm jaw. Slight whisker break.	
NOSE	Rise from bridge of nose to brow apparent.	
EARS	Moderately large and alert. Set at 45 degrees to the head. Neither too high nor too low. Ear tufts if present extend vertically from tips of the ears.	
EYES	Large, almond in shape, slanting slightly upwards towards the ears. Set far apart.	
NECK	Gracefully arched.	
BODY	Medium to large, rather long-bodied. Well muscled. Substantial but not coarse. Athletic and graceful. Deep chest.	
LEGS	Medium long, well muscled and powerful.	
PAWS	Oval and compact.	
TAIL	Fairly long, slim and slightly tapering.	
COAT	Short, close-lying and sleek. Colour: Lightest colour on face around the eyes, chin and lower jaw. Darkest colour on tip of tail. All hairs except the tip of the tail are banded. Within the markings hairs are tipped with a darker colour, while hairs in the ground colour are tipped with a lighter colour. Distinctive markings should be clearly seen from any orientation. Those on the face, legs and tail may be darker than those on the torso. Ground colour may be darker on the saddle and lighter on the underside, chin and lower jaw.	
FAULTS	Bulky and coarse body. Any suggestion of woolliness or length to coat. Faint and blurred markings. Elongated spots following a mackerel pattern.	
Disqualify	Blue eyes. White locket or spotting, or white anywhere other than around eyes, nostrils, chin, and upper throat (except white agouti ground in silvered colors).	
SCALE OF POINTS	Head	15
	Muzzle	10
	Body, Legs, Tail	20
	Coat – Texture, Colour, Contrast	20
	Coat Pattern	20
	Overall balance	10
	Condition	5

OCICAT COLOURS

Pattern as for other spotted cats. Characteristic pattern of the Ocicat as follows:

Broken necklaces on throat and broken rings on lower legs – the more the better.

Rows of spots run along the spine line from shoulders to tail. Spots scattered across shoulders and hindquarters, extending as far as possible down the legs.

Large thumbprint shaped spots are scattered on the side of the torso, with a subtle suggestion of a classic pattern, (a spot circled by spots in place of the bulls eye).

Tail has horizontal brush strokes down the top, ideally alternating with spots and ends in a dark tip.

<u>COLOUR</u>	<u>COAT</u>	<u>NOSE LEATHER</u>	<u>PADS</u>
BLACK	Ruddy agouti ground with black or dark brown spotting.	Brick red outlined with black or dark brown	Black or dark brown
BLUE	Pale blue-grey agouti ground with blue-grey spotting.	Old rose outlined with blue-grey	Blue-grey
CHOCOLATE	Warm ivory agouti ground with chocolate spotting.	Pink outlined with chocolate	Cinnamon to chocolate
LILAC	Pale ivory agouti ground with lavender spotting.	Pink outlined with lavender	Lavender pink
CINNAMON	Warm ivory agouti ground with cinnamon spotting.	Pink outlined with cinnamon	Cinnamon pink
FAWN	Pale ivory agouti ground with fawn spotting.	Pink outlined with fawn	Pinkish fawn
BLACK SILVER	Pale silver agouti ground with black spotting.	Brick red outlined with black	Black
BLUE SILVER	Pale silver agouti ground with blue-grey spotting.	Old rose outlined with blue-grey	Blue-grey
CHOCOLATE SILVER	Pale silver agouti ground with chocolate spotting.	Pink outlined with chocolate	Cinnamon
LILAC SILVER	Pale silver agouti ground with lavender spotting.	Pink outlined with lavender	Lavender pink
CINNAMON SILVER	Pale silver agouti ground with cinnamon spotting.	Pink outlined with cinnamon	Pink cinnamon
FAWN SILVER	Pale silver agouti ground with fawn spotting.	Pink outlined with fawn	Pinkish fawn