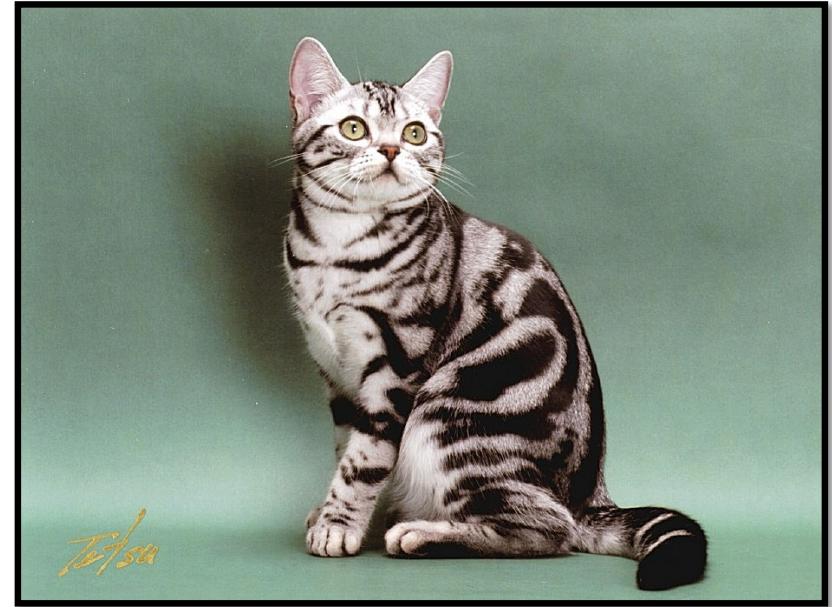




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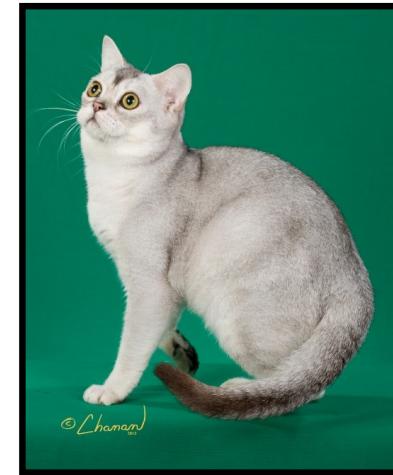


***America's breed of working cat***

***A well-balanced cat with conformation indicating power, endurance, agility.***

# Essence of American Shorthairs

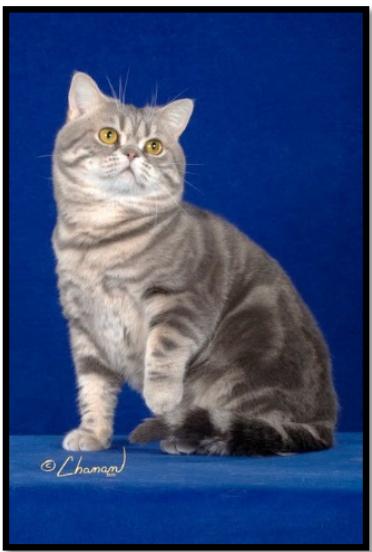
- **Working cat**
- **No part so exaggerated as to foster weakness**
- **A strongly built, well-balanced, symmetrical cat with conformation indicating Power, Endurance, and Agility**
- **Medium to large breed – females may be less massive and rewarded equally if overall balance is correct**



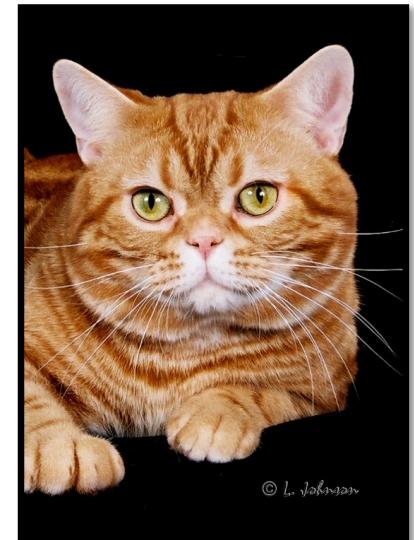
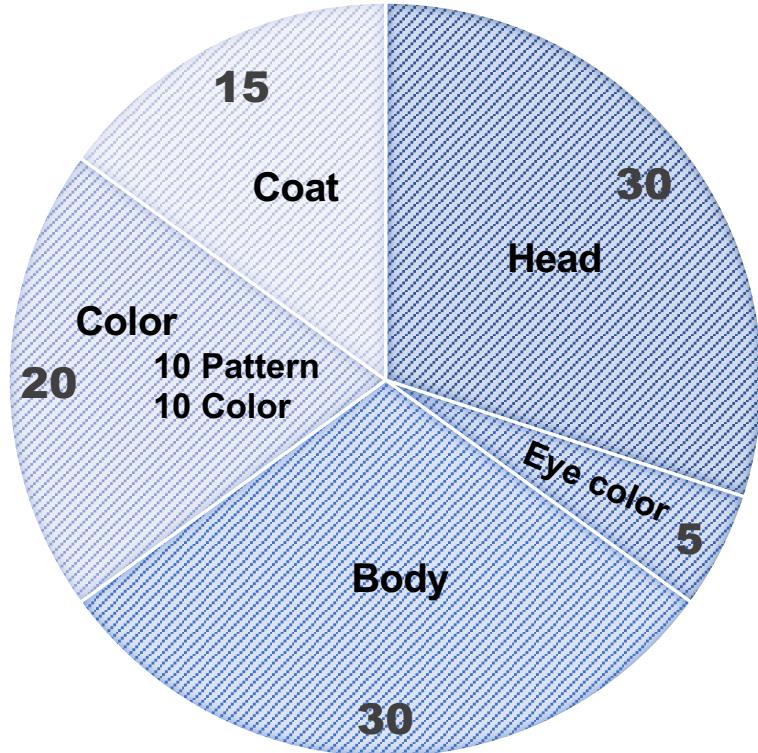
GC BW NW - Shaded Silver male



GC GP NW - Brown Patched Tabby spay



GC NW – Blue Tabby male



GC NW – Red Tabby male

**Head / Eye Color – 35%**  
**Body / Coat – 45%**  
**Color / Pattern – 20%**

# Head

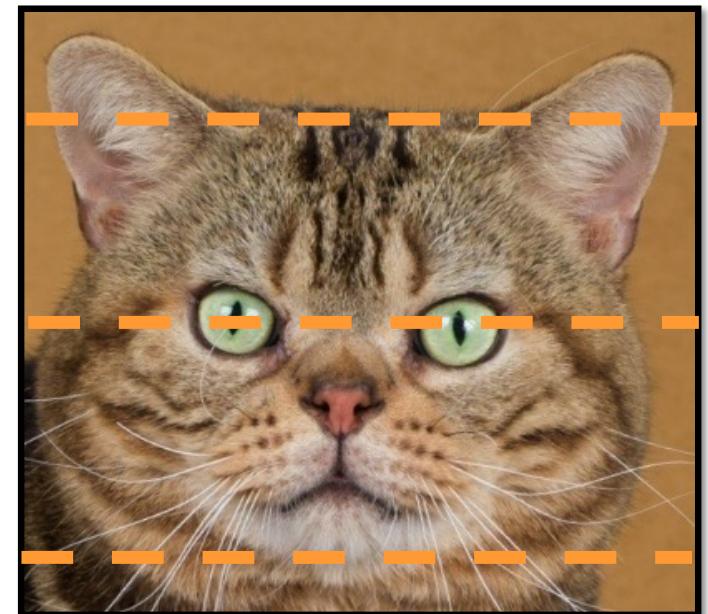
- **Large – full cheeked face**
- **Sweet expression**
- **Oblong – slightly longer than wide**
- **2 equal parts**
  - **Middle eyes to ear base**
  - **Middle eyes to chin**
- **Ears – Medium, rounded**
- **Chin – Firm, well developed**

Photo by B Zenda



GC – Silver Tabby male

Photo by Chanan



GCD BWR RW – Brown Tabby male

# Head (continued)

- **Forehead – Moderate convex curve over top of head to neck**
- **Nose moderate length – gentle concave rise from nose to forehead**
- **Eyes – Unique to Breed**
  - **Upper lid almond shaped**
  - **Lower lid fully rounded**
  - **Outer corner higher than inner**



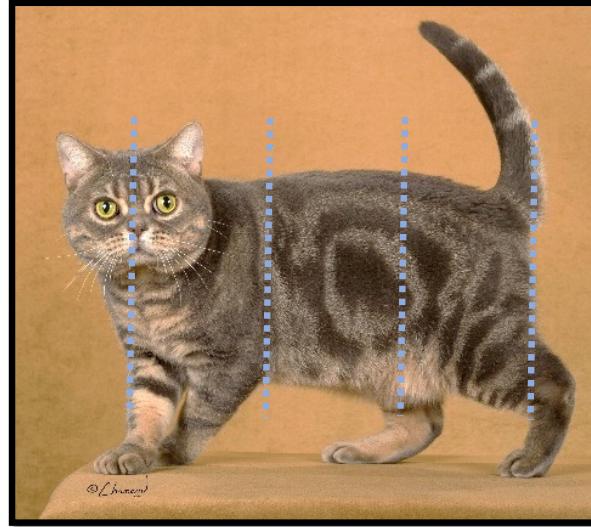
GC RW DM – Silver Tabby & White male Photo by Chanan



GC RW DM – Silver Patched Tabby & White female

# Body

- **Slightly longer than tall**
- **3 equal parts**
  - **Breast bone to elbow**
  - **Elbow to hind legs**
  - **Front hind legs to buttocks**
- **Tail medium - heavy base**
- **Legs parallel, medium, heavily muscled**



GC NW BWI – Blue Tabby male



GC – Silver Tabby female

# Coat

- **Short, thick, even, hard**
- **Dense - to protect from moisture, cold, skin injuries**



GC BWR NW Silver Tabby & White male



GC Bicolor male

# Tabby Patterns

**Solid/Parti-color**

**Smoke/Shaded**

**Tabby patterns**

- **Classic (called plain 'Tabby')**
- **Mackerel**
- **Ticked**



GC BWR RW Silver  
Tabby male



GC Silver Ticked Tabby male



GC Silver Mackerel Tabby & White  
male

# Colors

## Allowed colors:

- **White, Black, Red, Blue, Cream**
- **Tabby**
- **Silver – Silver, Cameo**
- **Smoke and Shaded**
- **& White/Vans (including Bicolors and Calico, Smoke and Shaded, Tabby)**

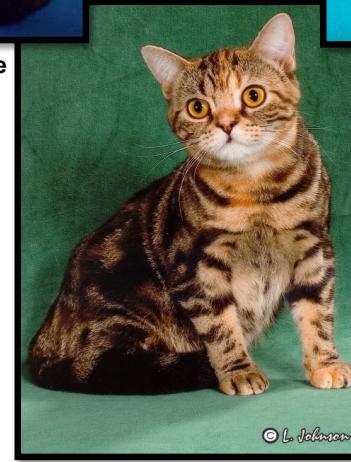
**More than 100 different possible color/pattern combinations possible**



GC RW Calico female



GP RW Black Smoke male



GC RW Brown Patched Tabby female

## **Penalize**

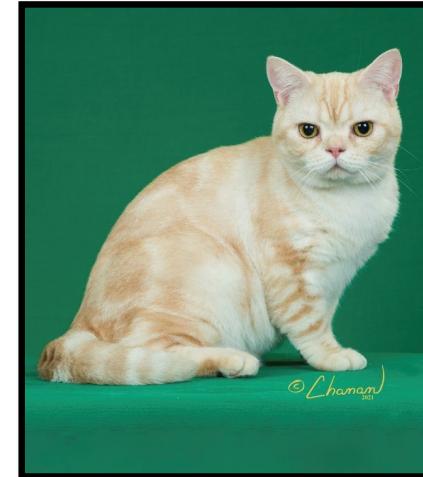
- **Excessive cobbiness or ranginess**
- **Very short tail**

## **Disqualify**

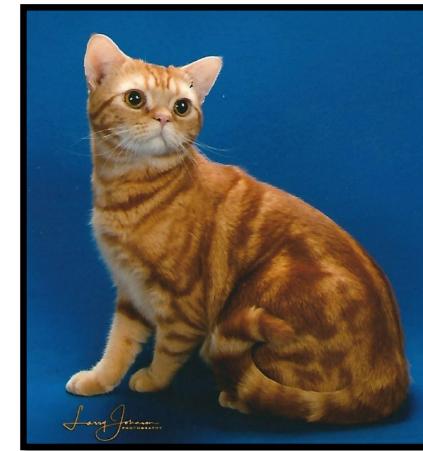
- **Evidence of hybridization**
  - **chocolate, sable, lavender, lilac or point restricted**
  - **Long or fluffy fur**
  - **Nose break**
  - **Bulging eye set**
  - **Brow ridge**
- **Kinked or Abnormal tail**
- **Locket or Button**
- **Incorrect number of toes**
- **Undershot or overshot bite**
- **Tongue persistently protruding**
- **Obesity or emaciation**
- **Any feature so exaggerated as to foster weakness**

# Handling

- **Support firmly**
- **Put all four feet on the table (4 on the floor)**
- **Use teaser, but don't over stimulate**
- **Allow controlled movement to observe balance & structure**
- **Feel the coat for hardness/density and body for muscling**
- **Check undercoat color**



GP Cameo Tabby male



GP Red Tabby male