



# THE AMERICAN SHORTHAIR

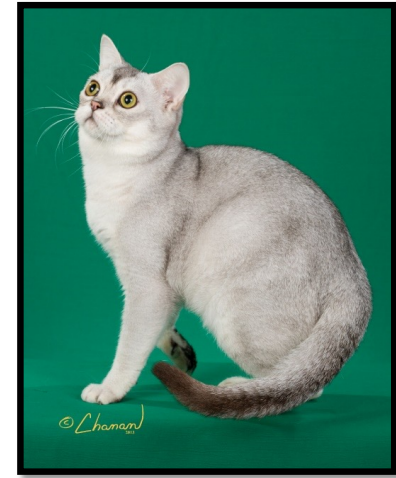


***America's breed of working cat***

***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**



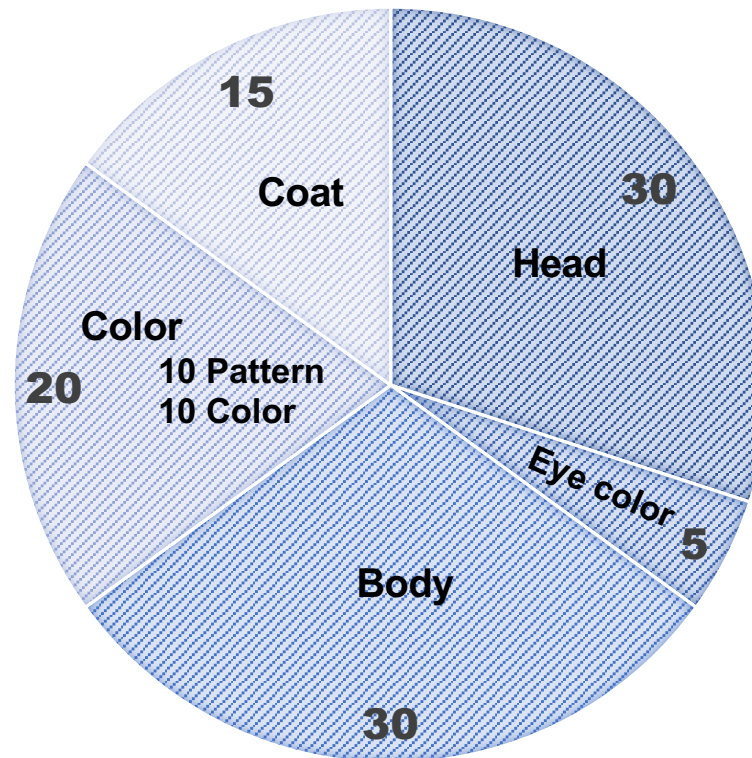
GC BW NW - Shaded Silver male



GC GP NW - Brown Patch 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

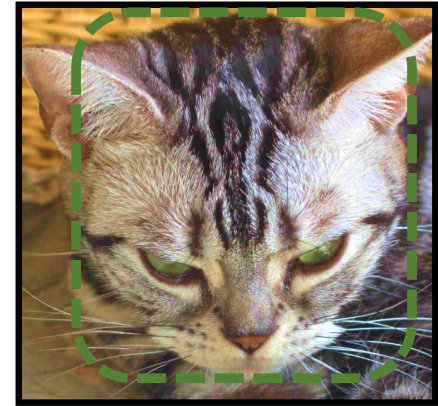


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GC – Silver Tabby male

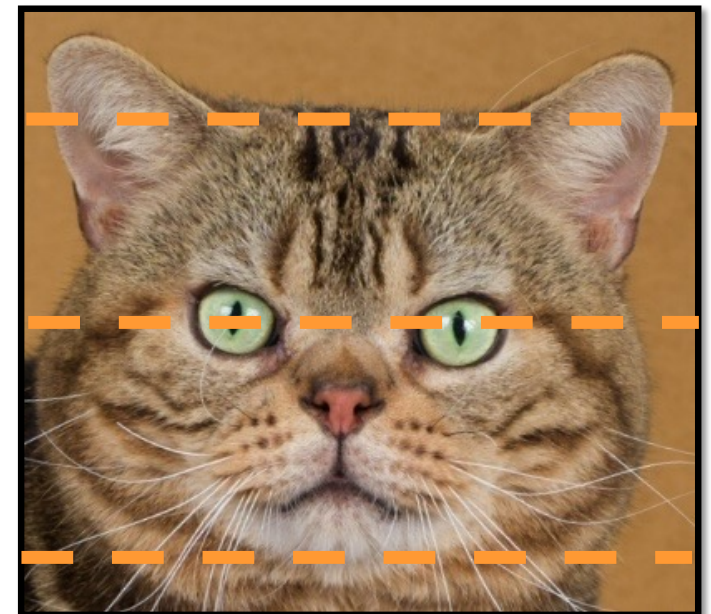


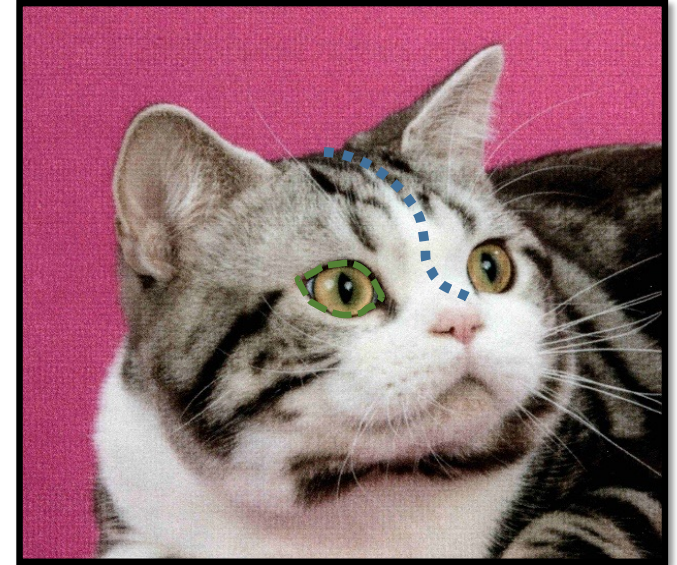
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GCD BWR RW – Brown Tabby male



## 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



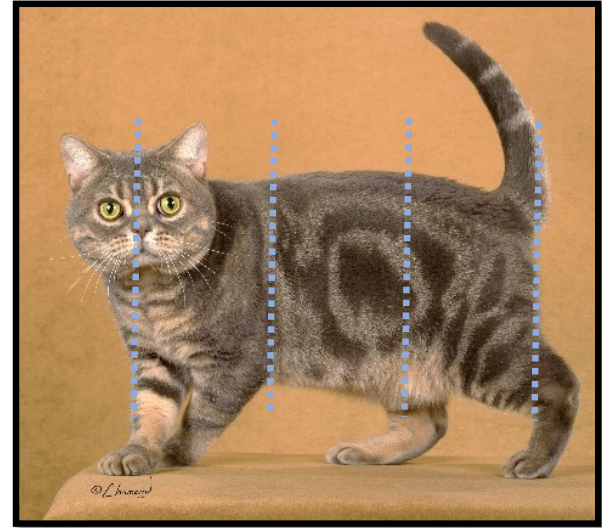
GC RW DM – Silver Tabby & White male Photo by Chanan



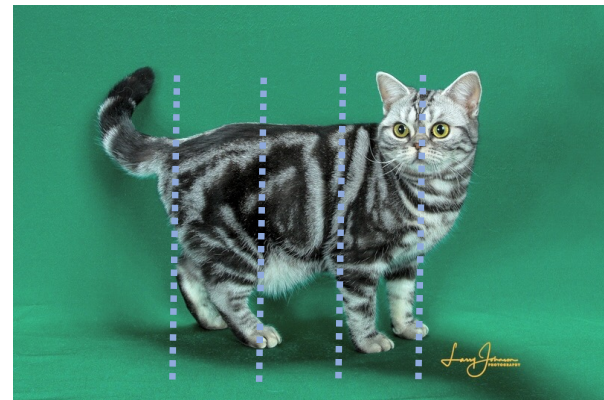
GC RW DM – Silver Patched Tabby & White female

# 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 Mackerel Tabby & White  
male



GC Silver Ticked Tabby 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**

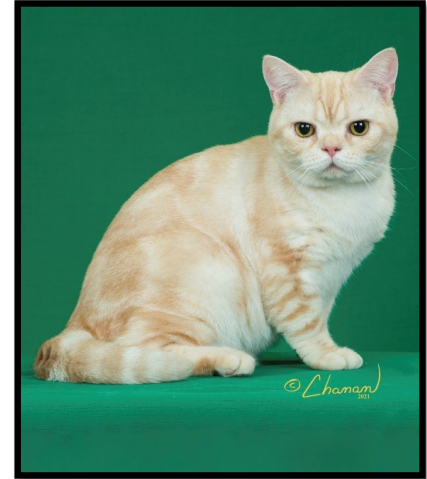
- **Excessive cobbiness or ranginess**
- **Very short tail**

## **Disqualify**

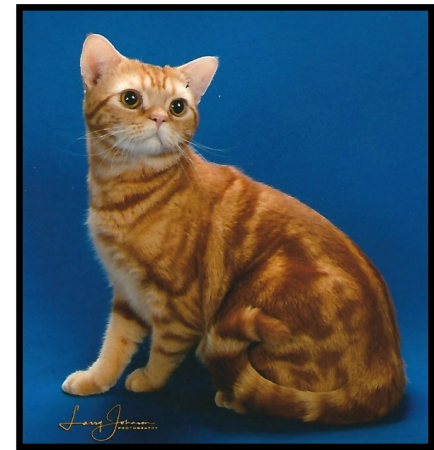
- **Evidence of hybridization**
  - **chocolate, sable, lavender, lilac or point restricted**
  - **Long or fluffy fur**
  - **Nose break**
  - **Bulging eye set**
  - **Brow ridge**
- **Kinked or Abnormal tail**
- **Locket or Button**
- **Incorrect number of toes**
- **Undershot or overshot bite**
- **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