



Ocicat

General Standard

The Ocicat is a medium to large, well-spotted agouti cat of moderate type. It displays the look of an athletic animal, well-muscled and solid, graceful and lithe, yet with a fullness of body and chest. It is alert to its surroundings and shows great vitality, being particularly noted for its wild appearance. Males are generally larger than females.

Head	The skull is a modified wedge showing a slight curve from muzzle to cheek, with a visible, but gentle, rise from the bridge of the nose to the brow. The muzzle is broad and well defined with a suggestion of squareness and in profile shows good length. The chin is strong and the jaw firm with a level bite. The moderate whisker break is not too severe. An allowance for jowls is made in mature males.
Ears	Alert, moderately large, set so as to corner the upper, outside dimensions of the head. If an imaginary horizontal line is drawn across the brow, the ears should be set at a 45 degree angle, i.e., neither too high nor too low. Ear tufts are desirable.
Eyes	Large, almond shaped and angling slightly upwards toward the ears, with more than the width of an eye between them.
Nose	Broad and wider than an eye width. In profile, the nose is straight, apart from a slight bump called a bee sting at the very end. This is expected in kittens and is likely in adults, especially in young adults.
Cheeks	Show a slight curve from muzzle to brow. The moderate whisker break is not too severe.
Jaws	Firm, broad and well defined with a suggestion of squareness and in profile shows good length.
Chin	Firm. In profile, of good depth and in a vertical line with the tip of the nose.
Neck	Strong and arched.
Body	Solid, hard, rather long, with depth and fullness but never coarse. Medium to large with substantial bone and muscle development, yet with an athletic appearance and should have surprising weight for its size. There should be some depth of chest with ribs slightly sprung, the back is level to slightly higher in the rear, and the flank reasonably level. Preference is given to the athletic, powerful and lithe, and objection taken to the bulky or coarse. The overall structure and quality of this cat should be of greater consideration than mere size alone.
Legs	Of good substance and well-muscled, medium-long, powerful and in good proportion to the body.
Paws	Oval and compact, in proportion to legs.
Tail	Fairly long, medium-slim with only a slight taper and a gently rounded dark tip at the very end.
Condition	Perfect, muscular physical condition is required, with an alert appearance.

Scale of Points

Head	15	
Ears	5	
Eye shape & set	5	25
Body	15	
Legs & Paws	5	
Tail	5	25
Eye Colour	5	
Coat colour	5	
Contrast	10	
Pattern	20	
Coat texture & Length	5	45
Condition	5	5
Total		100

Faults & Penalties

Refer to general list of faults for all breeds plus:

Penalise:

- **Lack of distinct markings.**
- **Faint or blurred spotting.**
- **Elongated spots tending towards a mackerel pattern.**
- **Woolly coat.**
- **Unbroken necklaces.**

Withhold:

- **Bulkiness or coarseness.**
- **White locket or spotting.**
- **White anywhere other than around the eyes, nostrils, chin and upper throat, except for white agouti ground in silvered colours.**
- **Blue eyes.**

Coat & Colour

Coat & Colour	All colours should be clear and pleasing. The lightest colour is usually found on the face around the eyes and on the chin and lower jaw. The darkest colour is found on the tip of the tail. Contrast is scored separately. The determining factor in answering any questions as to the correct colour of an Ocicat will be the colour of the tail tip without any comparison to the colour of other body markings.
Contrast	Distinctive markings should be clearly seen from any orientation. Those on the face, legs and tail may be darker than those on the body. Ground colour may be darker on the saddle and lighter on the underside, chin and lower jaw. Penalties should be given if spotting is faint or blurred; though it must be remembered that pale colours will show less contrast than darker ones.
Coat Texture & Length	Short, smooth and satiny with a lustrous sheen. Short, close lying and sleek, yet long enough to accommodate the necessary bands of colour. There should be no suggestion of woolliness.
Ticking	All hairs except the tip of the tail have two or more bands of ticking.
Eye Colour	All eye colours except blue are allowed. There is no correspondence between eye colour and coat colour. Depth of colour is preferred.

Pattern

The Ocicat is recognised in only the spotted coat pattern for show purposes. Marbled or classic tabby patterns are to be registered as AOV Ocicat, for breeding only and are not to be shown.

There is an intricate tabby "M" on the forehead, with markings extending up over the head between the ears and breaking into small spots on the lower neck and shoulders. Mascara markings are found around the eyes and on cheeks. Rows of round spots run along the spine from shoulder blade to tail. The tail has horizontal brush strokes down the top, ideally alternating with spots and a dark tip. Spots are scattered across the shoulders and hindquarters, extending as far as possible down the legs. There are broken bracelets on the lower legs and broken necklaces at the throat, the more broken the better.

Large well-scattered thumbprint-shaped spots appear on the sides of the body, with a subtle suggestion of part of the classic tabby pattern - a spot circled by spots in place of a bull's eye. The belly is also well spotted. The eyes are rimmed with the darker coat colour and surrounded by the lightest colour. Penalties should be given for elongated spots following a mackerel pattern.

Solid Colour Group

Tawny – Brown Spotted Tabby

Coat Colour	Black or dark brown spotting on a ruddy or bronze agouti ground.
Nose Leather	Brick red rimmed with black.
Paw Pads	Black or seal.
Tail Tip	Black.

Blue

Coat Colour	Blue spotting on a pale blue or buff agouti ground.
Nose Leather	Pink rimmed with dark blue.
Paw Pads	Blue.
Tail Tip	Blue.

Chocolate

Coat Colour	Chocolate spotting on a warm ivory agouti ground.
Nose Leather	Pink rimmed with chocolate.
Paw pads	Chocolate pink.
Tail Tip	Chocolate.

Lilac

Coat Colour	Lilac spotting on a pale buff or ivory agouti ground.
Nose Leather	Pink rimmed with dark lavender.
Paw pads	Lavendar pink.
Tail Tip	Lilac

Cinnamon

Coat Colour	Cinnamon spotting on a warm ivory agouti ground.
Nose Leather	Pink rimmed with cinnamon.
Paw pads	Pink or rose.
Tail Tip	Cinnamon.

Fawn

Coat Colour	Fawn spotting on a pale ivory agouti ground.
Nose Leather	Pink rimmed with fawn.
Paw pads	Pink.
Tail Tip	Fawn.

Silver Group

Black Silver

Coat Colour	Black spotting on a pale silver/white agouti ground.
Nose Leather	Brick red rimmed with black.
Paw Pads	Black.
Tail Tip	Black.

Blue Silver

Coat Colour	Blue spotting on a white agouti ground.
Nose Leather	Pink rimmed with dark blue.
Paw Pads	Blue.
Tail Tip	Blue.

Chocolate Silver

Coat Colour	Chocolate spotting on a white agouti ground.
Nose Leather	Pink rimmed with chocolate.
Paw Pads	Chocolate pink.
Tail Tip	Chocolate.

Lilac Silver

Coat Colour	Lilac spotting on a white agouti ground.
Nose Leather	Pink rimmed with dark lavender.
Paw Pads	Lavender pink.
Tail Tip	Lilac.

Cinnamon Silver

Coat Colour	Cinnamon spotting on a white agouti ground.
Nose Leather	Pink rimmed with cinnamon.
Paw Pads	Pink or rose.
Tail Tip	Cinnamon.

Fawn Silver

Coat Colour	Fawn spotting on a white agouti ground.
Nose Leather	Pink rimmed with fawn.
Paw Pads	Pink.
Tail Tip	Fawn.

Breeding Notes

Allowable Outcross

None.

Notes

Red, cream or tortoiseshell is not allowed.

Standard Updates

March 2023 – Standard reformatted. This reformatted standard includes all previous updates and amendments.

For information on previous standard updates and amendments, please see the Register of Breed Standards Updates on the CCCA website or contact the CCCA Secretary.

19 November 2023 - “Foundation” section removed as this was not approved for inclusion in the reformatted standard.