



Toyger

General Standard

The Toyger is a designer cat. A loving, glittered, medium sized domestic shorthair companion cat reminiscent of the big cats in pattern, type, confidence and movement. Designed with the experience of active cat ownership in the modern urban setting foremost in mind, this cat must be a uniquely beautiful and engaging companion, willing and able to thrive in a human centred life. Thus, companionability traits, such as, but not limited to, dependable, quiet temperament; laid-back personality, intelligent and easily trained and handled; good athletic ability; stately movement; excellent health and longevity are all important and desirable and must be considered an integral part of the breed profile, breeding program and genetic makeup of the Toyger.

Head	Medium-sized. Long, broad and deep. Side view: 1/2 hexagon as defined by angle change points of chin, nose, forehead and back skull. All contours well-defined, muscular and rounded. Bite must be correct (even). The muzzle is medium to long and deep with well-defined, rounded muscular contours. Full face view is a long-inverted heart shape from forehead to rounded whisker pads. The profile is biplanar with an angle change above the eyes. A slightly concave nose line acceptable.
Ears	Rounded. Small preferred. Set as much on the side as on the top. Thickly furred temples and ears preferred. Lynx tipping undesirable.
Eyes	Small to medium, circular with gentle hooding of upper inside. Set back into face, and on slight bias toward base of ear. Rich deep colour preferred.
Nose	Muscular, long, and rounded, widening toward end to at least as wide as the space between the eyes. Greater nose leather width is preferred, depth is shallow.
Chin	Very strong, deep and wide.
Neck	Long and muscular.
Body	Medium to deep, long and muscular with rolling contours; strong and robust but not blocky. Strength is in the forequarters. Shoulders may interrupt top line. Chest is broad and deep, never interrupting neckline from head to foreleg
Legs	Medium length such that the space between the ground and the body is equal to the depth of the torso. Legs as long in back as in front.
Paws	Long toed, well knuckled feet seem large.
Tail	Very long and muscular with blunt, rounded tip; rope-like. Set low and carried low.
Condition	Very large, dense, robust; never delicate. Very muscular and athletic looking, especially in young males.

Scale of Points

Head (incl. shape, chin, muzzle, nose, profile and neck).	23	
Ears	6	
Eyes	6	35
Body (incl. torso, boning and musculature).	17	
Tail	4	
Legs and paws	4	25
Coat length and texture.	5	
Pattern	20	25
Colour	15	15
Total		100

Coat, Colour & Pattern

Coat Length & Texture	<p>Length: Coat is short except markings may be slightly but uniformly longer than ground coloured fur on body for a sculpted effect. Longer temple and jowl ruff fur is preferred.</p> <p>Texture/Density: Fur is thick, luxurious and unusually soft, plush but resilient.</p> <p>Glitter: Some glitter required. The more the better without undue loss of contrast or whited ground.</p>
Coat Colour	<p>Colour: Tabby markings shall be virtually black to brown or even tan. Very dark markings on a richly colored rufoused ground is preferred. Markings uniformly dark from tip of hair to skin are preferred. Mouse (grey) coloured undercoat is acceptable. Whited ground colour shall be as uniformly light to as white as possible and appears as per pattern requirements below.</p> <p>Contrast: All colours next to each other should be as different in value as possible. The visibly noticeable difference in colour and value between two coat colours should be great or high between the tabby markings and the background colour, and high between the dorsal orange background ground colour and ventral whited background ground colour, and high between the dark ear colour and the lighter "thumb print," and high between the whited ground colour of parts of the face and its modified tabby markings.</p>
Pattern	<p>Markings pattern: Modified mackerel tabby. The contrast of markings to ground pattern must be extreme and distinct, giving a clear, sharply edged pattern.</p> <p>Ground pattern: A modified dorsal (upper and outer), coloured ground with a ventral (inner and under) whited ground as described and excepted below. Edges of ground areas should be distinct with contrast.</p> <p>Body: Body stripes shall generally be vertically aligned with encircling markings on neck, legs and tail. Bold, braided, nonuniform stripes including stretched rosettes are preferred. Some stretched spots are acceptable. Belly and inside of legs must be marked. Whited ground shall include ventral areas of belly, underside of base of tail, insides of legs, and chest. Spillage or wrap of whited ground onto lower sides, backs of legs and sides of chest for a greater amount of visibility is desirable. Paw pads and tail tip must be black.</p> <p>Face and Head: Facial stripes and markings shall be circularly aligned around the face. Preference shall be given to forehead butterfly markings and to encircling jowl markings. Traditional tabby markings moving radially away from the face for any distance are undesirable. Whited ground areas shall include throat, chin, outer parts of jowls and cheeks, and lower part of whisker pads as well as areas around and over eyes, spilling upward onto temples and forehead. Ears having dark backs, with a lighter to virtually white "thumb mark" desirable. Black mascara, lipstick and whisker spot markings and white spectacles are desirable.</p>

Allowances

- Females may be somewhat smaller and less muscular than males and may exhibit no head ruff.
- Well-muscled males may lack shoulder to neck definition.
- Kittens may be somewhat longer coated, be less rufoused and be rather uncoordinated.
- Colour may vary somewhat in intensity seasonally.

Faults & Penalties

Refer to general list of faults for all breeds plus:

Penalise:

- Classic alignment of mackerel stripes on body (strongly suggesting a bulls eye or curved lines).
- Substantially darker markings on points.
- A dorsal stripe.
- Traditional tabby face markings **ONLY**.
- No glitter.
- Narrow nose leather.
- Excessive size or unmuscled bulk.

Withhold:

- Ticked fur that obscures markings.
- Belly or chest not marked.
- Tail tip not black.
- Blue eyes.

Disqualify

- Mouth alignment incorrect.

Breeding Notes

Allowable Outcross

None.

Notes

None.

Standard Updates