

# CALIFORNIA SPANGLED (SP)

<b>HEAD</b> .....	35 points
Shape .....	6
Ears .....	5
Eyes ..	6
Chin .....	4
Muzzle .....	5
Profile .....	6
Neck .....	3

<b>BODY</b> .....	35 points
Torso .....	10
Legs .....	6
Feet .....	5
Tail .....	6
Musculature .....	8

<b>COAT/COLOR/PATTERN</b> ....	30 points
Coat .....	10
Pattern .....	12
Color .....	8

**CATEGORIES:** Traditional.

**DIVISIONS:** Tabby and Silver/Smoke.

**COLOR:** Spotted tabby pattern ONLY.

## **HEAD:**

Shape: Medium length and width. Sculpted, wide, prominent cheekbones. Slightly rounded forehead

Ears: Base and height approximately equal; rounded tip. Medium in size, placed high and back from face, typically carried at a quarter relative turn from one another.

Eyes: Medium-large in size with an open almond shape; placed wide with a gently sloping aperture, accented by the cheekbones.

Chin/Muzzle: Strong, fully developed, so that in profile, there is also a heaviness to the muzzle.

Muzzle: Full, well-developed. Whisker pads must be well-developed, to create a broad medium-length muzzle (most prominent in adult males). Whisker pads should be pale in color.

Profile: Gentle stop between forehead and nose, slightly raised and rounded cranium.

Neck: Medium long, cylindrical and muscular.

## **BODY:**

Torso: Long, lean, muscular, well-supported. Medium in size. Carriage is typically low and even: a "hunter-like" stance.

Legs: Long in forearm; rear legs long when extended, but as in forelegs, appear shorter, in carrying the body low. Strong and ample boning without undue bulk. Strong musculature, well-developed in thigh.

Feet: Medium in size with toes tactile

Tail: Medium-full end-to-end, blunt tip. Medium in length, well-furred, ending in one to three dark rings. The tip must be dark.

Boning: Ample bone without undue bulk.

## **COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:**

Coat: Short and close across the back, sides, neck, and face; short but slightly longer on tail and underbelly.

Color: Traditional and pointed categories, eumelanistic colors, spotted tabby pattern only. Eye color is pale amber to deep copper in the

traditional colors, blue in pointed colors.

**Pattern:** Spotting covers the back and sides of the body, while striping extends from between the ear, down the back of the neck to the shoulders. The spots themselves are blocked or rounded in shape and may be grouped into rosetted patterns. Not permitted and a serious fault are, "crescent", "eyelet" or "fish scale" markings. A small white dot or bib-marking is permissible on the throat; this is not considered a patch. A definite dark bar marks the top of each foreleg.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** First impression should be an unmistakably spotted cat, with a long, strong, cylindrical-type body and a "hunter-like" quality to its gait. Other things being equal, the Spangled should create the illusion of a much larger cat. In general, adult males are larger, heavier, and more muscular than the females. Males average from 12 to 15 pounds, while females tend to be about 8 to 10 pounds. The Spangled is known for its affectionate and social nature, along with athletic abilities and keen intelligence. It is energetic without being aggressive.

**PENALIZE:** Cobbiness. Lack of bone or musculature. Long or "whip-like" tail. Pointed or low-set ears. Narrow or bony rib-cage. Green eyes. White toe markings. Longish or fluffy coat, hard bristly coat. Lack of standard pattern. "Fish-scale" type pattern. Lack of contrast in pattern-to-ground color. Excessive ticking. Any display of bad temperament.

**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS:** Any overall MARBLED. Any white patch markings. Elongated or fore-shortened skull. Light-tipped tail. Roundness of head. Narrow or pointed muzzle. Lack of chin and jaw development. Lack of sturdiness in physique. NOTE: A "bib mark" is not considered a patch mark.

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*Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm."*

*Evidence of intent to deceive the judge by artificial means, cats with all or part of their tail missing (except those breeds whose standard calls for this feature), totally blind cats, cats having more or less than five toes on each front foot and four on each back foot (unless proved to be the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard), male cats in the adult championship class which do not have two descended testicles, and, at the discretion of the judge, tail faults (visible or invisible) and/or crossed eyes shall be disqualified from championship competition.*

**See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for comprehensive rules governing penalties/disqualifications applying to all breeds.**