

CHARTREUX (CX)

HEAD	39 points
Shape	7
Ears	10
Eyes ..	10
Muzzle	3
Nose	2
Profile	3
Neck	4

BODY	32 points
Torso	5
Size	5
Legs	6
Feet	2
Tail	4
Boning	5
Musculature	5

COAT/COLOR	29 points
Coat	14
Color	15

CATEGORY: Traditional.

DIVISION: Solid.

COLOR: Blue.

HEAD:

Shape: Comparatively large, rounded and broad, but not a sphere, with slightly rounded forehead. Cheeks are full, and jaws are powerful, especially in adult males over 2 years. Overall, the cat has a sweet, smiling expression.

Ears: Small to medium in size, placed high on the head with erect posture, minimal flare at base; slightly rounded tips.

Eyes: Rounded and open. Alert and expressive. Large but not overpowering. Moderately wide set. Color is gold to copper. Clear, deep, brilliant orange preferred.

Muzzle: Narrow in relation to head but is not pointed.

Profile: High, softly contoured forehead; slight stop permitted.

Neck: Short, strong, heavy-set.

BODY:

Torso: Sturdy with broad shoulders and deep chest, medium-long in length. Size in females medium; males large.

Legs: Short to medium in length with fine; strong boning. Musculature of upper portion of leg is medium for females, and may be heavier for mature studs.

Feet: Small and round.

Tail: Heavy at base; tapering to oval tip. Lively and flexible; of moderate length, measuring short of the shoulder blades.

Musculature: Dense, solid.

COAT/COLOR:

Length: Medium-short.

Texture: Dense. Slightly wooly. Resilient, all weather coat. Silkier, thinner coat permitted on females and cats under 2 years.

Color: Any shade of blue-gray from ash to slate. Tips may appear to be lightly brushed with silver. Emphasis on uniformity and clarity of color rather than shade. Preferred tone is a bright, unblemished blue with an overall iridescent sheen. Nose leather is slate gray; lips blue; paw pads are blue with rose-taupe overtones. Allowance for ghost barring in kittens and tail rings in juveniles under 2 years.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Chartreux is a sturdy French breed coveted since antiquity for its hunting prowess and its dense, water repellent fur. Its husky, robust type is sometimes termed primitive, being neither cobby nor classic/domestic. Though large, Chartreux are extremely supple and agile cats; refined, never coarse or clumsy. Males are much larger than females and slower to mature. Coat texture, coat color and eye color are affected by sex, age and natural factors.

The qualities of strength, intelligence and amenability, which have enabled the Chartreux to survive the centuries unaided, should be evident in all exhibition animals and preserved through careful selection. The Chartreux has a gentle but seldom used voice and is a calm, affectionate cat.

The robust body is large and well-proportioned but never gross. The shoulders are large and muscular with a well-developed chest giving a solid, sturdy appearance. The males will be more massive than the females, with the mature male weighing from 10-14 pounds and the mature females at least 6-9 pounds. The legs are straight, fine-boned and comparatively short for the body size.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS: Green eyes. White lockets.

PENALIZE: Severe nose stop. Snubbed, humped or upturned nose. Broad, heavy muzzle. Almond-shaped eyes. Eyes too close together giving an angry look..



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. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.