

TOYGER (TG)

HEAD	30 points
Shape	2
Ears	8
Eyes ..	2
Chin	5
Muzzle	5
Nose	5
Profile	2
Neck	1

BODY	20 points
Torso	4
Legs and Feet	4
Tail	2
Boning	5
Musculature	5

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN	40 points
Length/Texture/Density	15
Pattern	20
Color	5

OTHER	10 points
Balance	2
Temperament	8

CATEGORY: Traditional.

DIVISION: Tabby

COLOR: Brown Mackerel Tabby ONLY.

HEAD:

Shape: Medium-sized. Diagram-magically suggests a dominant deep, skewed cylindrical muzzle on an oval head. Shapes are well defined, contours are muscular and rounded.

Ears: Small and round. Wide set toward back of head and oriented on 45 degree line from center between eyes. Short but thickly furred temples and ears (backs and outer insides) are preferred except that temples may also have longer ruff fur. Lynx tipping is undesirable.

Eyes: Medium, almond-shaped. Set wide apart, back into face, and on slight bias toward base of ear. Rich deep color preferred.

Chin: Strong, deep, wide and well-furred. At least somewhat wider than nose leather and may even be slightly protruding. Forms integral and pivotal part of exaggerated lower muzzle shape and angle without misaligning teeth or causing an overbite.

Muzzle: Very well-defined, long, broad and deep with rounded muscular contours. Full face view suggests an inverted heart shape from nose break to around the whisker pads. The front muzzle line/plane is skewed forward to produce a more frontal view of nose leather, mouth and chin than in most small felines. Break is pronounced at sides of muzzle with top nose line nearly straight. Bite must be correct. There must be no sense at end of muzzle as "puckering for a kiss."

Nose: Muscular, long, broad and rounded, widening toward end to at least as wide as the space between the eyes. Greater nose leather width is preferred.

Profile: The chin leading front muzzle line rounds slightly over the nose with almost straight line to nose break. A slight rise and the more straight than not forehead line rounds gently back over the top of the head to the elongated back of the skull.

Neck: Long and muscular, set high but horizontally as a continuation of the back line running between high shoulder blades. Tapering to head, in proportion to body.

BODY:

Torso: Medium to deep, long and muscular with rounded contours; strong and robust but not blocky. Top line is long and smoothly rolling from between high shoulders back over high hips and down into low set tail. Chest is broad and wide, not interrupting the front line from foreleg to head.

Legs and Feet: Medium length such that the space between the ground and the body is roughly equal to the depth of the torso. Legs as long in back as in front. Boning is very large. Moderately long-toed, well-knuckled feet seem large but neat.

Tail: Very long and not thick. Set low and carried low, taper is slight with blunt, rounded tip. Fur is dense and short.

Musculature: Very muscular and athletic looking, especially in young males.

COAT:

Length: Coat is uniformly short except: markings may be slightly but uniformly longer than ground on body for a sculpted effect; and fur may be longer in the temple/jowl ruff. The suggestion of more of a ruff is preferred.

Texture/Density: Fur is thick, luxurious and unusually soft, plush and resilient. At least a sheen of glitter is required; more is preferred.

COLOR: Markings shall be virtually black to brown or even tan. Very dark markings on rich rufused, colored ground is preferred. Markings that are uniformly dark from tip of hair to skin and with similarly dark undercoat are to be highly valued. Colored ground should be rich and highly rufused (except as denoted below for whited ground color), and should be uniform or with

only slight darkening toward back allowed. A bright pumpkin ground color with very dark markings is preferred. A gradation of fur pigment from bright outer tip to lighter (but not white) near the skin is acceptable. Gray undercoat is acceptable. Whited ground color shall be as uniformly light to virtually white as possible and appears as per pattern requirements below.

PATTERN: Markings pattern: Mackerel tabby. The markings to ground pattern contrast must be extreme and distinct; giving a clear, sharply edged pattern.

Ground pattern: A modified dorsal (upper and outer), colored ground with a ventral (inner and under) whited ground as described and excepted below.

Glitter: Coat must be at least slightly glittered. The more the better without undue loss of contrast or whited ground.

Body: Body stripes shall generally be vertically aligned with encircling markings on neck, legs and tail. Bold, braided, and non-uniform stripes are preferred. Rosetted stripes are acceptable. Various stripe forms include but are not limited to: narrow striping at narrow spacing, narrow striping at wide spacing, wide striping at wide spacing, and wide striping at narrow spacing. 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.

Face and Head: Facial stripes and markings shall be circularly aligned around the face. Special preference shall be given to forehead butterfly markings and to encircling temple and 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. Lighter to virtually white "thumb marks" on backs of ears are desirable. Natural "makeup" is important: eyes must have black "mascara" markings and whited spectacles, desirable for mouth to have black "lipstick" markings.

OTHER:

Balance: All contours should be substantial and very muscular but also gently curving and graceful. The total should be strong and well-proportioned, never delicate, ponderous or blocky. Movement is straight and correct, stately and collected.

Temperament: Intelligent, interested, trainable and dependable. Enjoys companionship but is self-confident and laid-back; not fawning.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: 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 centered life. Thus, companionability traits, such as, but not limited to:

dependable, quiet temperament; laid-back personality, easily trainable and groomable; 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.

ALLOWANCES: Females may be somewhat smaller and less muscular than males and may exhibit no ruff. Well-muscled males may lack shoulder to neck definition. Kittens may be slightly longer coated, less rufused and rather uncoordinated. Color will vary somewhat in intensity seasonally. Grooming or trimming of excessive ear fur to give a smaller, rounder appearance is acceptable.

PENALIZE: Classic alignment of mackerel stripes on body (strongly suggesting a bulls eye or horizontal lines). Substantially darker markings on points. A dorsal stripe. Low contrast back. Traditional tabby face markings ONLY. Small nose leather. No hint of glitter. Excessive size and or unmuscled bulk.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS: Ticked fur that obscures markings. Belly or chest not marked. Mouth alignment not proper. Tail tip not black. Blue eyes.



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.