

# CHARTREUX

<b>HEAD</b>	<b>40 Points</b>
Shape/Size	(10)
Ear - Size	( 5)
- Placement	( 5)
Eyes - Color	(15)
- Size	( 3)
- Placement	( 2)
<b>BODY/TAIL</b>	<b>25 Points</b>
Shape/Size	(10)
Neck	( 5)
Legs	( 3)
Feet	( 2)
Tail	( 5)
<b>COAT</b>	<b>15 Points</b>
Texture	(10)
Length	( 5)
<b>COLOR</b>	<b>15 Points</b>
<b>CONDITION/</b>	<b>5 Points</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	

**General:** The Chartreux is a cat of contrast, with a robust, muscular body and legs which taper to a proportionately fine boned ankle and foot. The head is in balance with the body. These are medium to large cats with males weighing 10-17 pounds and females 8-12 pounds. Chartreux are calm, affectionate cats with gentle voices which are seldom used.

## Head:

**Shape/Size:** The head should be large and broad with rounded contours when viewed from the front. The muzzle is narrow in relation to the head, but not pointed. There should be whisker pads. In profile, the nose itself should be straight with a slight stop between the eyes. Chartreux should have a sweet, smiling expression. **Ears:** Ears are medium to small in proportion to the head. They should set high on the head and have slightly rounded tips. Inside ear furnishings cover one-half of the ear. **Eyes:** Eyes should be large, round and very expressive with color varying from yellow to copper. Soundness of color is important. A deep, clear, brilliant orange is the preferred eye color.

## Body / Legs:

The body should be large, well-proportioned, muscular, and in good condition but not obese. The body should be solid to handle (not soft). Large, muscular shoulders should blend into a well developed chest, presenting a solid, sturdy appearance. The width over the shoulders will be wider than the width over the hips in mature cats. The neck should be short, strong and muscular. Boning in the legs should taper from sturdier boning at the shoulder and hips which matches the body to proportionately fine boning as you move down the legs to the ankles and proportionately small, round feet. The tail also tapers from the base to the tip. Slight curvature of the last vertebrae of the tail may be allowed as long as there is not a definite kink.

## Coat:

The coat should be dense in texture that breaks as the cat moves, particularly around the neck and chest. This characteristic is more prominent in mature cats, especially males. Kittens and females may have a silkier coat, but it should still break.

## Color:

The Chartreux only comes in one color - blue. Any shade of solid blue with silver tipping is acceptable, but lighter colors are preferred. The coat on the nose is a silvery blue with blue leather and blue lips. The foot pads should be rose taupe in color. Judges should allow for faint striping and tail rings in kittens and young adults until two years of age.

## PENALIZE:

Nose longer than head is wide, nose break or humped nose. Green eyes. Almond shaped eyes. Eyes too close together giving an angry look.