

OCICAT

HEAD	30 Points
Shape	(5)
Ears	(5)
Eyes - Shape	(5)
- Color	(5)
Muzzle	(10)
BODY/TAIL	25 Points
Size	(5)
Torso	(10)
Legs/Feet	(5)
Tail	(5)
COAT	5 Points
Texture	(5)
COLOR	15 Points
Color	(5)
Contrast	(10)
PATTERN	25 Points

General: The Ocicat is a medium to large, well spotted agouti cat of moderate type. It displays the look of an athletic animal, well muscled and solid, graceful and lithe, yet with a fullness of body and chest. It is alert to its surroundings and shows great vitality. The Ocicat is found in many colors with darker spots appearing on a lighter background. This powerful, athletic, yet graceful spotted cat is particularly noted for its "wild" appearance.

Head:

Shape: The skull is a modified wedge showing a slight curve from muzzle to cheek, with a visible, but gentle, rise from the bridge of the nose to the brow. The moderate whisker pinch is not too severe. The head is carried gracefully on an arching neck. An allowance is made for jowls on a mature male. **Ears:** Alert, moderately large, and set so as to corner the upper, outside dimensions of the head. If an imaginary horizontal line is drawn across the brow, the ears should be set at a 45 degree angle [i.e.; neither too high nor too low]. When they occur, ear tufts extending vertically from the tips of the ears are a bonus. **Eyes:** Large, almond shaped, and angling slightly upwards toward the ears with more than the length of an eye between the eyes. All eye colors, except blue, are allowed. There is no correspondence between eye color and coat color. Depth of color is preferred. **Muzzle:** The muzzle is broad and well defined with a suggestion of squareness and in profile shows good length. The chin is strong and the jaw firm with a proper bite.

Body and Tail:

Size: Medium to large. The Ocicat should have surprising weight for its size. It should be noted that females are generally smaller than males. The overall structure and quality of this cat should be a greater consideration than mere size alone. **Torso:** Solid, rather long-bodied, with depth and fullness but never coarse. Substantial bone and muscle development, yet with an athletic appearance. There should be some depth of chest with ribs slightly sprung, the back is level to slightly higher in the rear, and flank reasonably level. Preference given to the athletic, powerful and lithe. Objection taken to the bulky or course. **Legs/Feet:** Legs should be of good substance and well-muscled, medium-long, powerful and in good proportion to the body. Feet should be oval and compact with five toes in front and four in back, with size in proportion to legs. **Tail:** Fairly long, medium-slim with only a slight taper and with a dark tip.

Coat:

Short, smooth and satiny in texture with a lustrous sheen. Tight, close lying and sleek, yet long enough to accommodate the necessary bands of color. There should be no suggestion of wooliness. Each hair [except the tip of the tail] has several bands of color. It is where these bands fall together that a thumbprint shaped spot is formed.

Color:

Ticking: All hairs, except the tip of the tail, are banded. Within the markings, hairs are tipped with a darker color, while hairs in the ground color are tipped with a lighter color. **Color:** All colors should be clear and pleasing. The lightest color is usually found on the face around the eyes, and on the chin and lower jaw. The darkest color is found on the tip of the tail.

Contrast:

Distinctive markings should be clearly seen from any orientation. Those on the face, legs and tail may be darker than those on the torso. Ground color may be darker on the saddle and lighter on the underside, chin, and lower jaw. Penalties should be given if spotting is faint or blurred, though it must be remembered that pale colors will show less contrast than darker ones.

Pattern:

There is an intricate tabby “M” on the forehead, with markings extending up over the head between the ears and breaking into small spots on the lower neck and shoulders. Mascara markings are found around the eyes and on the cheeks. Rows of round spots run along the spine from the shoulder blades to tail, ideally alternating with spots, and a darker tip. Spots are scattered across the shoulders and hind quarters, extending as far as possible down the legs. There are broken bracelets on the lower legs and broken necklaces at the throat, the more broken, the better. Large, well scattered, thumbprint shaped spots appear on the sides of the torso, with a subtle suggestion of a classic tabby pattern [i.e.; a spot circled by spots in place of the bull’s eye]. The belly is also spotted. The eyes are rimmed with the darkest coat color and surrounded by the lightest color.

Accepted Colors:

Blue Spotted Tabby	Cinnamon Spotted Tabby	Chocolate Spotted Tabby
Blue Silver Spotted Tabby	Cinnamon Silver Spotted Tabby	Chocolate Silver Spotted Tabby
Lavender Spotted Tabby	Fawn Spotted Tabby	Silver Spotted Tabby
Lavender Silver Spotted Tabby	Fawn Silver Spotted Tabby	Brown Spotted Tabby

Blue: Blue spotting on a pale blue or buff agouti ground. Nose leather, blue rimmed with dark blue. Paw pads, blue.

Blue Silver: Blue spotting on a white agouti ground. Nose leather, blue rimmed with dark blue. Paw pads, blue.

Chocolate: Chocolate spotting on a warm ivory agouti ground. Nose leather, pink rimmed with chocolate. Paw pads, chocolate pink.

Chocolate Silver: Chocolate spotting on a white agouti ground. Nose leather, pink rimmed with chocolate. Paw pads, chocolate pink.

Cinnamon: Cinnamon spotting on a warm ivory agouti ground. Nose Leather: pink rimmed with cinnamon. Paw Pads: pink or rose. Tail tip: Cinnamon.

Cinnamon Silver: Cinnamon spotting on a white agouti ground. Nose leather, pink rimmed with cinnamon. Paw pads, pink or rose.

Fawn: Fawn spotting on a pale ivory agouti ground. Nose leather, pink rimmed in fawn. Paw pads pink.

Fawn Silver: Fawn spotting on a white agouti ground. Nose leather, pink rimmed in fawn. Paw pads, pink.

Lavender: Lavender spotting on a pale buff or ivory agouti ground. Nose leather, pink rimmed with dark lavender. Paw pads, lavender-pink.

Lavender Silver: Lavender spotting on a white agouti ground. Nose leather, pink rimmed with dark lavender. Paw pads, lavender-pink.

Silver: Black spotting on a pale silver/white agouti ground. Nose leather, brick red rimmed with black. Paw pads, black or seal.

Tawny (Brown Spotted Tabby): Black or dark brown spotting on a ruddy or bronze agouti ground. Nose leather, brick red rimmed with black. Paw pads, black or seal.

PENALIZE:

Pattern: Elongated spots following a mackerel pattern.

WITHHOLD:

White locket or spotting, or white anywhere other than around eyes, nostrils, chin, and upper throat [except white agouti ground in silvered colors]. Kinked or otherwise deformed tail. Blue eyes. Incorrect number of toes.