

Somali (SOM)

Body

The Somali is medium sized and elegant. The body is firm, lithe and muscular. The rib cage is slightly rounded, with no evidence of flat sides.

The back appears slightly arched giving the impression of a cat about to jump.

The legs are sinewy, long and slender. The paws are narrow and oval. The neck is slender and graceful.

Tail

The long tail is strong at the base and ends in a tapering tip.

The tail is feathered.flanks.

Head

The head is moderately wedge-shaped with gently rounded contours and no flat areas. The forehead is gently rounded and the profile is slightly curved.

The nose is of medium length and has a straight nose line.

The muzzle has gently rounded contours and is neither pointed nor narrow.

The chin is firm, but without excess or pronounced protrusion that could disturb the overall balance of the face.

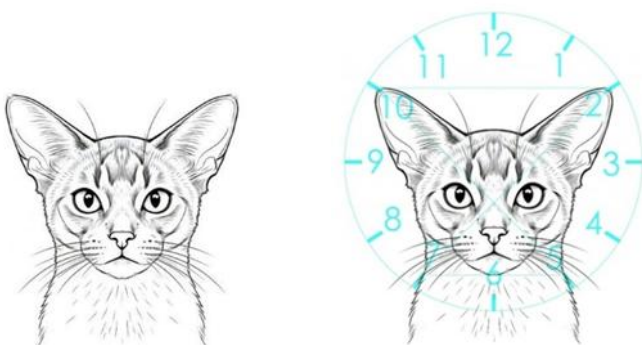
Ears

The ears are large and set wide apart. They are deep-cup shaped and broad at the base tapering to slightly rounded tips. Ideally, the ears start on the line of the middle of the eyes and extends the edge of the head (ear tips are positioned so they point at 10 and 2 o'clock), they are tilted just slightly forward, lending the cat an expression of curiosity.

The ears should not be lower than the lower eyelid and should follow a horizontal line from the outer edge of the ear to the outer eyelid.

Ear tufts and a thumb print are desired.

Head with correct position of ears:



Eyes

The eyes are large, brilliant, expressive and open, slightly almond-shaped neither round nor oriental and set wide apart, slightly slanted.

The eye colour is pure and clear - yellow, amber to green. In the silver varieties green eyes preferred.

The eye lids are encircled (eye rims) with the colour of the ticking in all colour varieties.

Coat

The coat is semi-long, fine, and glossy with a dense undercoat with two or three dark bands of ticking. A neck ruff and breeches are desirable.

Ticking

Double or preferably triple banding on each single hair. The ticking shall be extended evenly and without stripes over the entire body. The line along the spine (eel line), the tail tip and the plantar side of the hind paws are coloured intensely in the colour of the ticking.

The chest, belly and the inner side of the legs are without ticking and of the corresponding base colour.

Colour varieties

Ruddy, blue, sorrel and fawn, with and without silver

Faults

- stripes on the front legs
- broken necklace
- grey or too light undercoat
- too little ticking
- ghost markings
- missing eye rims
- white extending beyond the chin
- flat planes on the head
- ear set below eye line

Faults that exclude the certificate

- white medallion (loket)
- unbroken necklace
- stripes on all four legs
- large amount of grey undercoat
- too fine, delicate body structure of foreign type
- extreme low ear set

Scale of points

Body	20 points
Head and ears	20 points
Eyes	10 points
Coat texture	10 points
Colour of body	20 points
Ticking	15 points
Condition	5 points

Description of recognized colours with corresponding WCF-EMS codes

Body colour

Recognized colour variants: ruddy, blue, sorrel and fawn including the ticking.

Ground colour

Uniform colour of the underside of the body, chest and inside of the legs.

It is harmonious, without stripes, spots, shading or any ticking, without a closed necklace and without spots on the belly.

Ruddy (n 25)

Body colour: warm red-brown
Base color: dark apricot to dark orange
Ticking: black
Nose leather: brick-red, black rimmed
Paw pads: black

Blue (a 25)

Body colour: warm blue
Base color: warm beige
Ticking: dark steel-grey
Nose leather: brick-red , dark blue rimmed
Paw pads: mauvish blue to blue-grey

Sorrel (o 25)

Body colour: bright, warm, intense copper red
Base color: dark apricot
Ticking: reddish brown
Nose leather: dark pink, redish-brown rimmed
Paw pads: dark pink

Fawn (p 25)

Body colour: dull matte beige
Base color: light beige
Ticking: warm beige
Nose leather: pink, dull pink rimmed
Paw pads: dull pink

Silver varieties**Black-silver (ns 25)**

Body- / base colour: pure silver white
Ticking: black
Nose leather: brick-red, black rimmed
Paw pads: black

Blue-silver (as 25)

Body- / base colour: pure silver white
Ticking: blue
Nose leather: brick-red , dark blue rimmed
Paw pads: mauvish blue to blue-grey

Sorrel-silver (os 25)

Body- / base colour: pure silver white
Ticking: redish brown
Nose leather: pink, redish-brown rimmed
Paw pads: pink

Fawn-silver (ps 25)

Body- / base colour: pure silver white
Ticking: warm beige
Nose leather: pink, dull pink rimmed
Paw pads: dull pink