

BREED EGYPTIAN MAU

GENERAL The Egyptian Mau is the only natural domestic breed of spotted cat. The body is graceful, showing well-developed muscular strength. It strikes a balance between the heftiness of the cobby and svelteness of the oriental types. It is an alert, active, strong, colorful cat of medium size. It should be well-balanced physically and temperamentally. General balance is more to be desired than size alone.

HEAD	SHAPE	Medium length, slightly modified wedge without flat planes. Cheeks are not full.
	EYES	Large, rounded almond shape. Aperture is level in head with slight upward slant to lower lid. Neither round nor oriental. The eyes color should be gooseberry green (light green). Allowance is made for changing eye color, with some discernable green by 8 months of age and full green eye color by 18 months of age. Preference given at all ages for greener eyes.
	EARS	Medium to large, alert and moderately pointed, continuing the planes of the head. Broad at base. Slightly flared with ample width between the ears. Hair on ears short and close lying. Inner ear a delicate, almost transparent, shell pink. May be tufted.
	PROFILE	Gentle rise from bridge of nose to forehead which then flows into arched neck without a break.
	MUZZLE/ CHIN	The muzzle should flow into existing wedge of the head. It should be neither short nor pointed. The chin and lower jaw should be firm, not receding or protruding.
BODY	TORSO	Foreign types, medium long and graceful, showing well developed muscular strength. Loose skin flap extending from flank to hind leg knee. General balance is more to be desired than size alone. Allowance to be made for muscular necks and shoulders in adult males.
	LEGS	In proportion to body, medium in length, with hind legs proportionately longer. Medium boning with well-developed musculature. The hind legs are longer than the front, but carried flexed so the back is level.

FEET Slightly oval, almost round, small in size, with very long toes on back feet.

TAIL Medium length, medium at base, with slight taper.

Boning: Medium.

MUSCULATURE Well-developed.

**COAT
COLOR
PATTERN**

TEXTURE Dense, supple and close lying to the body. Resilient in the colours silver and bronze, fine and silky in the colour smoke.

LENGTH Medium in length with a lustrous sheen, long enough to carry two bands of ticking.

PATTERN There is good contrast between pale ground color and deeper markings. The forehead has characteristic tabby "M" and frown lines which run between the ears and down the back of the neck, becoming elongated spots along the spine. On the haunches the spine lines meld into a dorsal stripe which continues to the tip of the tail. The tail is banded with the tip dark.
The cheeks have mascara lines, from the corner of the eye along the contour of the cheek, with the second line starting at the center of the cheek and curving upward, almost meeting the first line below the ear. There are one or more necklaces, broken in the center.
The shoulder markings are a transition between stripes and spots. The upper legs are heavily barred but do not necessarily match. The spots on the body are random, with variance in size and shape. The pattern on the sides of the body may be unmatched, but spots should not form a broken mackerel pattern. The haunches and thighs have stripes which break into elongated spots on the lower leg. Belly spots should have good contrast against pale ground color.

COLOR

Black Silver Spotted Tabby (ns 24): Markings are charcoal to black with good contrast. Back of ears grayish-pink tipped with black. Upper throat, chin and nostrils silver, appearing white. Torso with black spots.

Bronze Spotted Tabby (n 24): Color darkest on saddle, fading to tawny buff on sides and creamy ivory on undersides. Back of ears tawny pink tipped in dark brown. Bridge of nose ochreous. Upper throat, chin and nostrils pale, creamy white. Torso with dark brown to seal spots.

Black Smoke (ns): Smoke with tin coloured underground; neck and belly lighter in colour than underground. Ghost markings appear as black spots.

COLOR VARIETIES

Bronze spotted tabby, Black Silver spotted tabby, and Black Smoke ONLY.

PENALIZE

Short or round head.

Pointed muzzle.

Small, round or oriental eyes.

Cobby or oriental body.

Short or whip tail.

Unbroken necklaces.

Spots on torso which run together.

Solid stripes on underside of body instead of “vest button” spots.

Lack of any evidence of green in the eye color in cats 8 months.

Amber eye colour in cats older than 1.5 years.

Poor condition.

DISQUALIFY

Lack of spots.

Wrong eye color.

White locket or button distinctive from other acceptable white-colored areas.

Mottled or pink paw pads.

Red coloring in bronze.

Lack of gray undercoat in bronze.

Crossed eyes.

Kinked or abnormal tail.

SCORE

Head
40 points

- Shape 10
- Ears 8
- Eyes 8
- Muzzle 5
- Chin 4
- Profile 5

Body
30 points

- Torso 10
- Legs and Feet 5
- Tail 5
- Boning 5
- Musculature 5

Coat/Color/Pattern
20 points

- Texture 5
- Pattern 5
- Length 5
- Color 5

Others
10 points

- Condition 3
- Grooming 2
- Balance 2
- Temperament 3

OUTCROSS

None

