

Colorpoint Shorthair

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GESCHICHTE

In the late 1940s, British breeders crossed Siamese with American Shorthairs, Abyssinians to develop colours beyond the traditional colours of the Siamese, and to introduce tabby striping and tortoiseshell patterns to the points. The Colourpoint Shorthair gained recognition by CFA as a separate breed in 1964. Colourpoint Shorthair may have the following colours:

- red, cream, cinnamon, fawn
- tortie, blue-cream, chocolate tortie, lilac tortie, cinnamon tortie, fawn tortie
- and with tabby points, which is referred as Lynx point: seal/blue tabby point chocolate/lilac tabby point cinnamon/fawn tabby point red/cream tabby point all tortie colours with tabby points.
- In some organizations cinnamon/fawn is not recognized.

In some organizations, like the GCCF, also point colours with the Dilute Modifier (caramel and apricot) are recognized..

In all other organization - except CFA and CCA - those colours are another colour class in Siamese, thus making no difference between Colourpoint Shorthair and Siamese.

STANDARD (CFA)

GENERAL: the Colorpoint Shorthair is a medium sized, svelte, refined cat with long tapering lines, very lithe, but muscular. Males may be proportionately larger. Balance and refinement are the essence of the breed, where all parts come together in a harmonious whole, with neither too much nor too little consideration given to any one feature. The ideal is a cat with type identical to the Siamese, but with its own distinct and unique colors. While the color differences set it apart as a unique breed, the purpose of the hybridization was to establish cats identical in type to the Siamese but with separate colors. The Colorpoint Shorthair standard reflects this objective and preserves its unique colors.

HEAD: long tapering wedge. Medium in size in good proportion to body. The total wedge starts at the nose and flares out in straight lines to the tips of the ears forming a triangle, with no break at the whiskers. No less than the width of an eye between the eyes. When the whiskers are smoothed back, the underlying bone structure is apparent. Allowance must be made for jowls in the stud cat.

SKULL: flat. In profile, a long straight line is seen from the top of the head to the tip of the nose. No bulge over eyes. No dip in nose.

NECK: long and slender.

NOSE: long and straight. A continuation of the forehead with no break.

MUZZLE: fine, wedge shaped.

EARS: strikingly large, pointed, wide at base, continuing the lines of the wedge.

EYES: vivid blue in color, no other shades or colors allowed.

Almond shaped. Medium size. Neither protruding nor recessed.

Slanted towards the nose in harmony with lines of wedge and

ears. Uncrossed.

CHIN and JAW: medium in size. Tip of chin lines with tip of nose in the same vertical plane. Neither receding nor excessively massive.

BODY: medium sized. Graceful, long and svelte. A distinctive combination of fine bones and firm muscles. Shoulders and hips continue same sleek lines of tubular body. Hips never wider than shoulders. Abdomen tight.

LEGS: long and slim. Hind legs higher than front. In good proportion to body.

PAWS: dainty, small, and oval. Toes: five in front and four behind.

TAIL: long, thin, tapering to a fine point.

COAT: short, fine textured, glossy. Lying close to body.

CONDITION: excellent physical condition. Eyes clear. Muscular, strong, and lithe. Neither flabby nor bony. Not fat.

COLOR: Body: subtle shading is permissible, but clear color is preferable. Allowance should be made for darker color in older cats as Colorpoint Shorthairs generally darken with age, but there must be definite contrast between body color and points. Points:

mask, ears, feet, legs, and tail dense and clearly defined. All of the same shade. Mask covers entire face including whisker pads and is connected to ears by tracings. Mask should not extend over the top of the head. No white hairs or clearly-defined white undercoat in points. Lynx points may have white as appropriate for the tabby pattern around the eyes and nostrils, on the whisker pads, chin, upper throat area, and under the base of the tail.

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