

American Wirehair Preliminary Standard

The standards for the American Wirehair and American Shorthair are the same, with the distinguishing feature being the unique coarse crimped coat of the Wirehair.

The American Wirehair is medium-to-large in size with the female smaller than the male.. The body should be well-knit and powerful with well developed chest and hindquarters, especially in the males. The head is broad, with cheeks especially well developed in studs. The nose and face are medium short, with eyes and ears set wide apart. The muzzle should present a squarish aspect, but should not be foreshortened.

HEAD	Medium size, broad and rounded. Rounded skull. Cheeks especially well developed in studs. Muzzle squarish and medium-short.
EARS	Medium, not too large at base. Wide set. Rounded at tips. Not unduly open at base. External ear with short hair. Medium furnishings.
EYES	Rounded and medium to large in size. Wide set, at a slight angle. Rounded aperture. Colour to conform with coat colour.
NOSE	Medium short. Profile with a modified stop.
CHIN	Strong, firm, deep and squared. .
NECK	Medium short. In proportion to body, neither too short and thick nor too long and thin.
BODY	Medium to large. Medium length. Medium boning. Rectangular shape, rather than slender, with broad chest, especially in males. Well rounded and in proportion; males larger than females. Well knit and powerful musculature.
LEGS	Medium length with medium boning. Sturdy musculature.
PAWS	Medium size and rounded.
TAIL	Thick at base, tapering from a well-rounded rump to a rounded tip. The taper is slight, neither blunt nor pointed. Carried almost level with back. Medium size and length.
COAT	Very dense, resilient, coarse, with crimped hair. The overall springy appearance is of more importance than the crimping of each hair. The points are weighted in this section for the appropriate coat.

SCALE OF POINTS

	SELF	PATTERNED
Head and Ears	25	25
Body, Legs & Tail	20	20
Coat texture/Length	25	20
Coat Colour/Pattern	10	15
Eyes	10	10
Condition	5	5
Temperament	5	5
	100	100

FAULTS

Withhold major awards for:

- Incorrect coat texture.
- Neck too short and thick or too long and slender.
- Long, pointed ears or ears set too close together.
- Tail thin and whip-like or too short and thick or carried over the back in squirrel fashion.
- Body foreshortened and stocky or long and sleek (foreign) or hindquarters weak.
- White buttons or lockets in Solid Cats.
- Any defects listed in Relevant to All Breeds Section.

American Wirehair colours

For detailed colour descriptions, see:

Self colours [black, blue, chocolate, lilac, red, cream & tortoiseshell]	Page G22
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American Wirehair Eye colours

<u>Self Colours:</u> Blue eyed white Copper eyed white Odd eyed white Black, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Red, Cream, Black Tortoiseshell, Blue Tortoiseshell, Chocolate Tortoiseshell, Lilac Tortoiseshell	<u>Eye Colour:</u> Blue. Gold to orange to copper. One gold to orange to copper, one blue. All: Gold to orange to copper.
<u>Shaded Colours:</u> Silver Tipped All Cameos, including tortoiseshell Cameos All Smokes, incl. tortoiseshell Smokes	Green Gold to orange to copper Gold to orange to copper
<u>Patterned Colours:</u> Brown tabby, brown tortoiseshell tabby, blue tabby, blue tortoiseshell tabby, chocolate tabby, chocolate tortoiseshell tabby, lilac tabby and lilac tortoiseshell tabby, red tabby, cream tabby and all cameo tabbies Silver tabbies, including silver tortoiseshell tabbies	Gold to orange, copper, or hazel. Green, hazel or gold to orange.
<u>Pointed Colours:</u> Seal point, seal tortie point and seal tabby point All other point colours	Blue - as deep and as clear as possible Clear blue
<u>Patched Colours:</u> Bi-colours, Harlequins, Vans and all Calicos	All: Gold to orange to copper.

Eye colour faults:

- Green rims in orange or copper eyes.
- White rims in blue eyes.
- Uneven eye colour.

Allowable Outcross Breeds:

American Shorthair.

Domestic shorthair with body type and coat fitting the SOP for American Wirehair.