

Somali

The Somali is a colourful cat with a distinctly ticked coat, medium in size, well balanced and giving the impression of standing on tiptoe. It is a lithe, hard and muscular, showing eager activity and a lively interest in all surroundings.

HEAD	A modified, slightly rounded wedge without flat planes. Gently rounded brow and slight nose break essential. A shallow indentation forming the muzzle is desirable. Firm Chin.
EARS	Set wide apart and pricked, broad at base, medium to large in size and well cupped. Lynx-like tufts desirable but not essential.
EYES	Set well apart, almond shaped, large, brilliant and expressive.
NECK	Elegantly arched.
BODY	Medium in length, lithe, and graceful, showing well developed muscular strength without coarseness. Conformation strikes a balance between cobby and svelte.
LEGS	Proportionately slim and fine-boned.
PAWS	Small and oval. Giving the impression of being on tiptoe when standing.
TAIL	Thick at base, proportionately long and tapering to a blunt tip.
COAT	Texture very soft, extremely fine, dense and double-coated, with at least three bands of ticking. Medium in length, except over shoulders, where shorter length is permitted. Ruff and trousers desirable.
EYE COLOUR	Yellow, orange, hazel or green
PATTERN	<p>Eyes accentuated by dark rims, encircled by light coloured fur. Treble ticked preferred. A dark spine, or necklace (which must be broken) will not militate against an otherwise good specimen. Pads set in dark fur, which extends up the back of the hind legs. Tail ends in a solid tip of colour. White or off-white permitted on upper throat, lips and nostrils only.</p> <p>The Somali is extremely slow in showing mature ticking, and allowances should be made for kittens.</p> <p>Ticking is not so apparent in a medium length coat, compared with ticking in a short coat.</p>

SCALE OF POINTS

Type:	Head and ears	15
	Eyes	5
	Body, legs and tail	10
	Coat texture	10
Colour:	Eyes	5
	Coat, including ticking	45
Condition		5
Temperament		5
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FAULTS

Major awards may be withheld, depending on the degree of the faults:

- Bars on legs, chest, body and tail.
- White in the area of the lips and lower jaw extending below necklace or above nostrils.
- Any defects as listed in the Relevant to All Breeds Section.

Withhold major awards for:

- Unbroken necklaces.
- White locket, or any white other than those specified.
- Cobby or oriental type.
- Grey undercoat close to skin extending throughout a major portion of the body.

Somali coat colours:

Coat Colour	
<p><u>Ruddy</u></p> <p>Overall impression of a rich, ruddy brown, ticked with black or dark brown.</p> <p>Ground colour: Deep orange or apricot.</p> <p>Ears and tail tipped with black or dark brown.</p>	<p>Nose leather: Brick red, dark rimmed</p> <p>Pads: Black / dark brown</p>
<p><u>Sorrel</u></p> <p>Warm, glowing red, ticked with a darker shade. Deeper shades of red preferred.</p> <p>Ground colour: Apricot.</p> <p>Ears and tail tipped with chocolate or dark red.</p>	<p>Nose leather: Pink to cinnamon brown, dark rimmed</p> <p>Pads: Pink to cinnamon brown</p>
<p><u>Chocolate</u></p> <p>Rich coppery brown, ticked with dark chocolate.</p> <p>Ground colour: Rich apricot</p> <p>Ears and tail tipped with chocolate.</p>	<p>Nose leather: Brick red, chocolate or cinnamon pink, dark rimmed</p> <p>Pads: Chocolate</p>
<p><u>Blue</u></p> <p>Blue gray with a soft, warm effect, ticked with deeper steel blue.</p> <p>Ground colour: Pale cream or oatmeal.</p> <p>Ears and tail tipped with dark steel blue.</p>	<p>Nose leather: Old rose, dark rimmed</p> <p>Pads: Blue / Pinkish blue</p>
<p><u>Lilac</u></p> <p>Fawn ticked with dusty lilac.</p> <p>Ground colour: Pale warm fawn.</p> <p>Ears and tail tipped with dusty lilac</p>	<p>Nose leather: Pink, dark rimmed</p> <p>Pads: Lilac / pink</p>

<p><u>Fawn</u></p> <p>Warm fawn with powdered effect, ticked with a deeper shade of the same colour.</p> <p>Ground colour: Warm fawn.</p> <p>Ears and tail tipped with fawn.</p>	<p>Nose leather: Pink, dark rimmed</p> <p>Pads: Pinkish fawn</p>
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SILVER

In all the silver varieties the undercoat must be white, with ticking appropriate to the particular variety. The combination of white undercoat and appropriate coloured ticking will give and overall appearance as described in the standard.

In all silver varieties any spinal shading, tip of tail and solid colour on the hind legs to be the same colour as the ticking. Any yellow pigmentation anywhere on the body is undesirable.

<p><u>Coat Colour</u></p>	
<p><u>Black Silver</u></p> <p>Clear silver, ticked with black. Belly and inside of legs white.</p> <p>Ground colour: White.</p> <p>Ears and tail tipped with black or dark brown.</p>	<p>Nose leather: Brick red, dark rimmed</p> <p>Pads: Black or dark brown</p>
<p><u>Sorrel Silver</u></p> <p>Clear silver, ticked with chocolate. Belly and inside of legs white.</p> <p>Ground colour: White.</p> <p>Ears and tail tipped with chocolate or dark red.</p>	<p>Nose leather: Pink to cinnamon brown, dark rimmed</p> <p>Pads: Pink to cinnamon brown</p>
<p><u>Chocolate Silver</u></p> <p>Clear silver, ticked with dark chocolate. Belly and inside of legs white.</p> <p>Ground colour: White.</p> <p>Ears and tail tipped with chocolate.</p>	<p>Nose leather: Brick red, chocolate or cinnamon pink, dark rimmed</p> <p>Pads: Chocolate</p>
<p><u>Blue Silver</u></p> <p>Clear silver, ticked with deeper steel blue, giving an overall impression of silvery blue / grey with a sparkling effect.</p> <p>Ground colour: White.</p> <p>Ears and tail tipped with dark steel blue.</p>	<p>Nose leather: Old rose, dark rimmed</p> <p>Pads: Blue / Pinkish blue</p>

<p><u>Lilac Silver</u></p> <p>Clear silver, ticked with dove grey, giving an overall sparkling effect.</p> <p>Ground colour: White.</p> <p>Ears and tail tipped with dusty lilac.</p>	<p>Nose leather: Pink, dark rimmed</p> <p>Pads: Lilac / pink</p>
<p><u>Fawn Silver</u></p> <p>Clear silver, ticked with warm fawn giving a powdered effect.</p> <p>Ground colour: White.</p> <p>Ears and tail tipped with fawn.</p>	<p>Nose leather: Pink, dark rimmed</p> <p>Pads: Pinkish fawn</p>

Allowable Outcross Breeds: Abyssinian

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