



American Shorthair

The American Shorthair is medium-to-large in size. 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: Short and even. Natural protective appearance, lustrous. Close lying.

Shaded Colours:

Silver Tipped
All Cameos, including tortoiseshell Cameos
All Smokes, incl. tortoiseshell Smokes

Green
Gold to orange to copper
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Patterned Colours:

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

Gold to orange, copper, or hazel.

Silver tabbies,

including silver tortoiseshell tabbies

Green, hazel or gold to orange.

Patched Colours:

Bi-colours, Harlequins, Vans and all Calicos

Deep clear orange to copper.

Blue eyed (Add **z** to registration code: EG. AMS13Biz → Blue eyed Cream Bicolour)
Odd eyed (orange to copper/ blue.) (Add **x** to registration code: E.g. AMS05Hax → Odd eyed Black Harlequin)

FAULTS

Withhold major awards for:

- Long, thin or fine coats
- 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.

Eye colour faults:

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

Allowable outcross breeds:

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

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Coat colours	Eye colours
Self-Colours:	
Blue eyed white	Blue.
Copper eyed white	Gold to orange to copper.
Odd eyed white	One gold to orange to copper, one blue.
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Black, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Red, Cream, Black Tortoiseshell, Blue Tortoiseshell, Chocolate Tortoiseshell, Lilac Tortoiseshell	All: Gold to orange to copper.

SCALE OF POINTS

	SELF	PATTERNED
Head and Ears	25	25
Body, Legs & Tail	20	20
Eyes	10	10
Coat texture /length	15	10
Coat colour / pattern	20	25
Condition	5	5
Temperament	5	5
TOTAL	100	100