

American Wirehair



PROVISIONAL 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.

<p>HEAD: Medium in length, slightly longer. Medium size, broad and rounded. Rounded skull. Cheeks especially well developed in studs. Muzzle squarish and medium-short.</p> <p>EARS: Medium, not too large at base. Wide set. Rounded at tips. Not unduly open at base. External ear with short hair. Medium furnishings.</p> <p>EYES: Rounded and medium to large in size. Wide set, at a slight angle. Rounded aperture. Colour to conform with coat colour.</p> <p>NOSE: Medium short. Profile with a modified stop.</p> <p>CHIN: Strong, firm, deep and squared.</p> <p>NECK: Medium short. In proportion to body, neither too short and thick nor too long and thin.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>LEGS: Medium length with medium boning. Sturdy musculature.</p> <p>PAWS: Medium size and rounded.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>EYE COLOUR: Any eye colour is permitted with blue and odd eyes only permitted in whites or "with white". Clear eye colour is desirable. Coat and eye colour may be unrelated.</p> <p>COAT COLOUR: All colours and patterns acceptable, excluding chocolate variations and all pointed patterns. Self-Coloured Cats should conform to the standard as for All Breeds.</p>	<p>Coat colours</p> <p>Self-Colours: Blue eyed white Copper eyed white Odd eyed white ...</p> <p>Black, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Red, Cream, Black Tortoiseshell, Blue Tortoiseshell, Chocolate Tortoiseshell, Lilac Tortoiseshell</p> <p>Shaded Colours: Silver Tipped All Cameos, including tortoiseshell Cameos All Smokes, incl. tortoiseshell Smokes</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Eye colours</p> <p>Blue. Gold to orange to copper. One gold to orange to copper, one blue.</p> <p>All: Gold to orange to copper.</p> <p>Green Gold to orange to copper Gold to orange to copper</p> <p>Gold to orange, copper, or hazel.</p>	<p>Coat colours</p> <p>Silver tabbies, including silver tortoiseshell tabbies</p> <p>Patched Colours: Bi-colours, Harlequins, Vans and all Calicos</p> <p><u>Blue eyed</u> (Add z to registration code: EG. AMS13Biz → Blue eyed Cream Bicolour) <u>Odd eyed</u> (orange to copper/ blue.) (Add x to registration code: E.g. AMS05Hax → Odd eyed Black Harlequin)</p>	<p>Eye colours</p> <p>Green, hazel or gold to orange.</p> <p>Deep clear orange to copper. Blue eyed /Odd eyed /Odd eyed</p>	<p>FAULTS</p> <p>Eye colour faults:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green rims in orange or copper eyes. • White rims in blue eyes. • Uneven eye colour. <p>Withhold major awards for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Allowable outcross breeds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Shorthair. • Domestic shorthair with body type and coat fitting the SOP for American Wirehair.
	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	