

## 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.*

<b>HEAD</b>	Medium size, broad and rounded. Rounded skull. Cheeks especially well-developed in studs. Muzzle squarish and medium-short.
<b>EARS</b>	Medium, not too large at base. Wide-set. Rounded at tips. Not unduly open at base. External ear with short hair. Medium furnishings.
<b>EYES</b>	Rounded and medium to large in size. Wide set, at a slight angle. Rounded aperture. Colour to conform with coat colour.
<b>NOSE</b>	Medium short. Profile with a modified stop.
<b>CHIN</b>	Strong, firm, deep and squared. .
<b>NECK</b>	Medium short. In proportion to body, neither too short and thick nor too long and thin.
<b>BODY</b>	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.
<b>LEGS</b>	Medium length with medium boning. Sturdy musculature.
<b>PAWS</b>	Medium size and rounded.
<b>TAIL</b>	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.
<b>COAT</b>	Short and even. Natural protective appearance, lustrous. Close lying.

### SCALE OF POINTS

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

## **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.

### **American Shorthair colours**

For detailed colour descriptions, see:

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### **American Shorthair Eye colours**

<b><u>Self Colours:</u></b> Blue eyed white Copper eyed white Odd eyed white Black, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Red, Cream, Black Tortoiseshell, Blue Tortoiseshell, Chocolate Tortoiseshell, Lilac Tortoiseshell	<b><u>Eye Colour:</u></b> Blue. Gold to orange to copper. One gold to orange to copper, one blue. All: Gold to orange to copper.
<b><u>Shaded Colours:</u></b> Silver Tipped All Cameos, including tortoiseshell Cameos All Smokes, incl. tortoiseshell Smokes	Green Gold to orange to copper Gold to orange to copper
<b><u>Patterned Colours:</u></b> 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.
<b><u>Pointed Colours:</u></b> Seal point, seal tortie point and seal tabby point All other point colours	Blue - as deep and as clear as possible  Clear blue
<b><u>Patched Colours:</u></b> 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:** Domestic shorthair with body type and coat fitting the SOP for American Shorthair.

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