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.

SCALE OF POINTS

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

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:

Self colours [black, blue, chocolate, lilac, red, cream & tortoiseshell]

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American Shorthair Eye colours

Self Colours:	Eye Colour:	
Blue eyed white	Blue.	
Copper eyed white	Gold to orange to copper.	
Odd eyed white	One gold to orange to copper, one blue.	
Black, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, Red, Cream, Black	All: Gold to orange to copper.	
Tortoiseshell, Blue Tortoiseshell, Chocolate		
Tortoiseshell, Lilac Tortoiseshell		
Shaded Colours:		
Silver Tipped	Green	
All Cameos, including tortoiseshell Cameos	Gold to orange to copper	
All Smokes, incl. tortoiseshell Smokes	Gold to orange to copper	
Patterned Colours:		
Brown tabby, brown tortoiseshell tabby, blue tabby,	Gold to orange, copper, or hazel.	
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		
	Green, hazel or gold to orange.	
Patched Colours:		
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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