

SERENGETI (SE)

HEAD	35 points
Shape	4
Ears	15
Eyes	5
Chin	2
Muzzle	2
Nose	1
Profile	2
Neck	4
BODY	28 points
Torso	5
Legs	10
Feet	2
Tail	3
Boning	5
Musculature	3
COAT/COLOR/PATTERN	30 points
Length	3
Texture	2
Pattern	15
Color	10
OTHER	7 points
Balance	1
Condition	1
Temperament	5

CATEGORY: Traditional.

DIVISIONS: Tabby, Solid and Silver/Smoke.

COLORS: Tabby Division: Brown spotted tabby ONLY; Solid Division: Black ONLY; Silver Smoke Division: Silver spotted tabby and black smoke.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: Oriental Shorthair, Bengal.

HEAD:

Shape: Medium width, modified wedge with rounded contours.

Ears: Wide and deep at the base with rounded tips. Strikingly large, equal to the length of the head. Set upright and close together on the top of the head.

Eyes: Round and large. Neither protruding nor recessed. Separated by a broad nose. Much more than an eye width apart.

Chin: Tip of chin lines up with tip of nose in the same vertical plane.

Muzzle: Fine but strong. Wedge-shaped with broad moderately prominent whisker pads.

Profile: Long, straight line from the top of the head to the bridge of the eyes with a slight change of angle to the tip of the nose. Very slight eyebrow ridge.

Neck: Long in proportion to body. Thick with very little to no taper into back of head.

BODY:

Torso: Medium size, tubular and

solid. Males may be somewhat larger than females.

Legs: Excessively long with strong boning and musculature. Hind legs are not higher than front legs.

Feet: Medium, round.

Tail: Thick and tapering slightly from the body to the end. Medium short, ideally short of shoulder when laid along torso.

Boning: Strong.

Musculature: Firm.

COAT:

Length: Short and even.

Texture: Fine, thick, tight with some loft.

COLOR:

Tabby Division: Black or dark brown spots on a clear nearly unticked tan to yellow body or black spots on a clear cold gray body. Light to white underbelly, chin and front of muzzle. Back of ears with eye spot. Glitter acceptable.

Solid Division: Black solid, ghost spots may be visible.

Silver/Shaded Division: Black spots on a clear silver body; black smoke.

PATTERN: Random spotted or solid. Preference given to random spot pattern with some short horizontal bars on the shoulders, spot pattern on shoulders and hips extending down the legs and black rings around the tail.

OTHER:

Balance: Square build with level top line.

Condition: Well-muscled.

Temperament: Confident. Must be unchallenging.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The ideal Serengeti Cat is a medium sized cat with long legs. It should be in excellent physical condition, very strong and muscular. It should appear as a powerful, squarely built cat with a very upright posture. Also noticeable is the long powerful neck, which blends into the base of the skull without tapering. The head should be a medium wedge with large round eyes and carry huge upright ears. In shape the head is a modified wedge, starting at the nose and flaring out in a straight line to base of ears forming a triangle with a slight break at the whiskers. Cheeks should not be prominent. In profile there is a long, straight line from the top of the head to the bridge of the eyes, then turning down approximately 30 degrees and continuing in a straight line to the tip of the nose with a very slight eyebrow ridge. The muzzle is fine but strong with no muzzle break. From the front view the whisker pads are moderately prominent. The chin is strong and lines up with tip of nose in the same vertical plane, neither receding nor excessively massive.

The head is longer than it is wide. Strikingly large ears, equal to the length of the head, are one of the main features of the Serengeti. They are conical with rounded tips. Wide at base with a deep bell, the ears are set upright and close together on the top of the head. The eyes are also an important characteristic of the Serengeti. They should be large and round, neither protruding nor recessed. Much more than an eye width apart and separated by a broad nose. Gold is the preferred eye color, followed by any shade of yellow through copper. Green and amber permitted. The Serengeti is generally a spotted cat. Preference given to random spot pattern with some short horizontal bars on the shoulders, spotting extending down the shoulders and hips on to the legs and black rings around the tail. Two-toned spots (rosettes) are not to be rewarded. Solid black and black smoke Serengetis need to have exceptional type in order to compete successfully against the spotted cats. They should have a gentle, confident, outgoing and alert temperament.

ALLOWANCES: Green or amber eye color permitted. Locket on throat or small spot in groin not to exceed ½" in diameter.

PENALIZE: Spots tending towards bars on side of body; two-toned (rosetted) spots; heavy ticking; small ears; short legs.

WITHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW): White tail tip, toes or white anywhere on the body except for small locket described above. Blue eyes.

DISQUALIFICATION (DQ): Miniaturization.



Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.