

TOYGER (TG)

HEAD 30 points

Shape	2
Ears	8
Eyes	4
Chin	4
Muzzle	4
Nose	4
Profile	3
Neck	1

BODY 20 points

Torso	3
Legs and Feet	4
Tail	3
Boning	6
Musculature	4

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN 10 points

Length/Texture/Density	8
Pattern	18
Color	5
Contrast	8
Glitter	1

OTHER 10 points

Balance	2
Temperament	8

CATEGORY: Traditional.

DIVISION: Tabby.

COLOR: Brown Mackerel Tabby ONLY.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: Bengal, domestic longhair/shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed

HEAD:

Shape: Medium-sized. Long, broad and deep. Suggests a dominant cylindrical muzzle flowing into an oval head. All contours are well-defined, muscular and rounded.

Ears: Small and round. Set as much on the side as on the top. Thickly furred temples and ears are preferred. Lynx tipping is undesirable.

Eyes: Small to medium, circular with gentle hooding of upper inside quadrant. Set back into face, and on slight bias toward base of ear. Rich deep color preferred.

Chin: Strong. Somewhat wider than nose leather and may protrude

slightly. Forms pivotal part of exaggerated lower muzzle shape and angle without misaligning teeth or causing an overbite.

Muzzle: Medium length to long and deep with well-defined, rounded muscular contours. Full face view suggests an inverted heart shape from forehead to rounded whisker pads. In profile, the chin leads the front muzzle line to form a parallelogram to produce a more frontal view of the mouth and chin than in most small felines. Whisker pads break at sides with top nose line nearly straight. Bite must be correct.

Nose: Muscular, long, and rounded, widening toward end to at least as wide as the space between the eyes. Greater nose leather width is preferred but depth is shallow.

Profile: Suggests a low house set on angle. The chin leading front muzzle line rounds slightly over the nose leather. Long biplanar nose to forehead line changes angle high between the eyes and rolls around back of skull well beyond ears. A slightly concave nose line acceptable.

Neck: Long and muscular, set high but horizontally as a continuation of the back line. Tapering to head, in proportion to body.

BODY:

Torso: Medium to deep, long and muscular with rolling contours; strong and robust but not blocky. Strength is in the forequarters. Top line is long and smoothly rolling from between high shoulders back over high hips and down into low set tail, never swaybacked. Chest is broad and wide, never interrupting neckline from foreleg to head.

Legs and Feet: Medium length such that the space between the ground and the body is roughly equal to the depth of the torso. Legs as long in back as in front. Long-toed, well-knuckled feet seem large.

Tail: Very long and muscular with blunt rounded tip; rope-like.. Set low and carried low.

Boning: Very large, robust;

never delicate.

Musculature: Very muscular and athletic looking, especially in young males.

COAT:

Length: Coat is uniformly short except: markings may be slightly but uniformly longer than ground colored fur on body for a sculpted effect; and fur may be longer in the preferred temple and jowl ruff. The suggestion of more of a ruff is preferred.

Texture/Density: Fur is thick, luxurious and unusually soft, plush, but resilient. At least a sheen of glitter is required; more is preferred.

Glitter: Coat must be at least somewhat glittered; the more the better without undue loss of contrast or whited ground.

COLOR: Markings shall be virtually black to brown or even tan.

Darker markings on rufoused ground is preferred. Markings that are uniformly dark from tip of hair to skin and with similarly dark undercoat are to be highly rufoused. Colored ground should be rich and highly rufoused (except as denoted below for whited ground color), and should be uniform or with only slight darkening toward back. A bright pumpkin ground color with very dark markings is preferred. A gradation of fur pigment from bright outer tip to lighter (but not white) near the skin is acceptable. Gray colored undercoat is acceptable. Whited ground color shall be as uniformly light to virtually white as possible and appears as per pattern requirements below.

Contrast: All colors next to each other should be as different in value as possible. This difference should be great or high between the tabby markings and the background color, and high between the dorsal orange background ground color and the ventral whited background ground color, and high between the dark ear color and the lighter "thumb print", and high between the whited ground color of parts of the face and its modifies tabby markings.

PATTERN:

Markings pattern: Modified mackerel tabby. The markings to ground pattern contrast must be extreme and distinct; giving a clear, sharply edged pattern.

Ground pattern: A modified dorsal (upper and outer), colored ground with a ventral (inner and under) whited ground as described and excepted below. Edges of ground areas should be distinct with contrast.

Glitter: Coat must be at least slightly glittered. The more the better without undue loss of contrast or whited ground.

Body: Body stripes shall generally be vertically aligned with encircling markings on neck, legs and tail. Bold, braided, and non-uniform stripes are preferred. Stretched spots and rosette stripes are acceptable. Belly and inside of legs must be marked. Whited ground shall include ventral areas of belly, underside of base of tail, insides of legs, and chest. Spillage or wrap of whited ground onto lower sides, backs of legs and sides of chest for a greater amount of visibility is desirable. Paw pads and tail tip must be black.

Face and Head: Facial stripes and markings shall be circularly aligned around the face. Special preference shall be given to forehead butterfly markings and to encircling jowl markings. Traditional tabby markings moving radially away from the face for any distance are undesirable. Whited ground areas shall include throat, chin, outer parts of jowls and cheeks, and lower part of whisker pads as well as areas around and over eyes, spilling upward onto temples and forehead. Ears shall have dark backs, with a lighter to virtually white "thumb mark" desirable. Black masacara and lipstick markings and whited spectacles are desirable.

OTHER:

Balance: All contours should be substantial and very muscular but also gently curving and graceful. The total should be strong and well-proportioned,

never delicate or blocky.

Temperament: Intelligent, interested, trainable and dependable. Enjoys companionship but is self-confident and laid-back; not fawning.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Toyger is a designer cat; a loving, glittered, medium sized, domestic shorthair companion cat reminiscent of the big cats in pattern, type, confidence and movement. Designed with the experience of active cat ownership in the modern urban setting foremost in mind; this cat must be a uniquely beautiful and engaging companion, willing and able to thrive in a human centered life. Thus, companionability traits, such as, but not limited to: dependable, quiet temperament; laid-back personality, intelligent and easily trained and handled; good athletic ability; stately movement; excellent health and longevity, are all important and desirable and must be considered an integral part of the breed profile, breeding program and genetic makeup of the Toyger.

ALLOWANCES: Females may be somewhat smaller and less muscular than males and may exhibit no head ruff. Well-muscled males may lack shoulder to neck definition. Kittens may be slightly longer coated, less rufoused and rather uncoordinated. Color will vary somewhat in intensity seasonally. Grooming or trimming of excessive ear fur to give a smaller, rounder appearance is acceptable.

PENALIZE: Classic alignment of mackerel stripes on body (strongly suggesting a bulls eye or curved lines). Substantially darker markings on points. A dorsal stripe. Traditional tabby face markings ONLY. Small nose leather. No hint of glitter. Excessive size and or unmuscled bulk. Lockets.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS

(WW): Ticked fur that obscures markings. Belly or chest not marked. Tail tip not black. Blue eyes.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): Mouth alignment not proper.



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.