

BREED CODE: TIF - TIFFANY

GENERAL TYPE STANDARD

The Tiffany is derived from the Burmese or Mandalay breed and as such type must conform in every way to these Standards. The only differences occur in coat length. Colour descriptions for solid colour cats, with the exception of the Blues used in the preparation of this Standard of Points, are contained in "A Standard Guide to Cat Breeds by Gebhardt, Pond and Raleigh". Tiffanys are fully intermateable with Burmese and Mandalays.

HEAD: The head, carried on a medium neck, should be slightly rounded on top, with good breadth between the ears, having wide cheek bones and tapering to a short blunt wedge. The jaw should be wide at the hinge and the chin firm; a muzzle pinch is a fault. The outer line of the ears continuing the shape of the upper part of the face. This may not be so apparent in mature males who can develop a fullness of cheek.

In profile the head to show a good depth between the top of the skull and the lower jaw. The brow to be slightly rounded. There should be a distinct nose break followed by a straight nose ending with the tip of the nose in the same vertical plane as the chin. The lower jaw to show a good depth of chin.

EARS: Ears should be medium in size, set well apart on the skull, broad at the base, with slightly rounded tips, In profile, the ears should be seen to have a slight forward tilt. Allowance to be made for correctly shaped but over-large ears in a kitten, when the head size and shape are still developing.

EYE SET: The eyes, which must be set well apart, should be large and lustrous; the top line of the eyes showing a straight oriental slant towards the nose, the lower line being round. Either round or slit eyes are a fault.

EYE COLOUR: Eyes should be any shade from yellow to amber, with golden yellow preferred for the colour restricted exhibits and amber in the solids. Eye colour is sensitive to light intensity; should be assessed under identical light conditions, moderately diffuse daylight for preference. Allowance to be made for developing colour in kittens and colour dilution in an older cat.

BODY: The body should be of medium length and size (allowance to be made for larger size in males), feeling hard and muscular, and heavier than its appearance indicates. The chest should be strong and rounded in profile, the back straight from shoulders to rump.

LEGS: Legs should be slender and in proportion to the body. Hind legs slightly longer than front; paws neat and oval in shape.

TAIL: The tail should be straight and of medium length, not heavy at base, and tapering only slightly to a rounded tip without bone defect. A whip tail or kink is not permissible.

COAT: The coat should be long, fine, and silky, without downy undercoat. The fur should be noticeably longer on the tail and there should be a distinct ruff around the neck [more noticeable in males]. The furnishings from inside the ears should form “streamers” and tufts on the tips of the ears are acceptable.

CONDITION: Should be well muscled, with good weight for size, carrying no fat, lively and alert, with a firm feel when handled.

COLOURS: **Colour restricted exhibits:** In all colours the under-parts will be slightly lighter than the back. A coat free from barring, or spotting, should be aimed for in all colours. Top awards should be withheld from mature cats [over two years of age] showing decided contrast between coat colour and points. The individual colour descriptions are for mature adults. Allowance should be made in kittens and adolescents for a lighter coat than the adult standard specifies.

Solid colour exhibits: At no stage of their development should solid coloured Tiffanys exhibit any sign of tabby markings; these are to be considered a disqualifying fault in any self colours other than red, cream or apricot. Any cat or kitten showing any contrast between coat colour and points should be disqualified.

The presence of a few white hairs may be overlooked in an otherwise excellent cat, but a noticeable number of white hairs, or a white patch, is a serious fault. A light sprinkling of white hairs is allowed over the shoulder, where damage may result from injections, or from other cats, as for breeding queens.

SCALE OF POINTS

HEAD, EARS & NECK		
Wedge	10	
Profile	5	
Neck	5	20
EYES		
Shape and Set	10	
Colour	10	20
BODY, LEGS & TAIL		
Body	15	
Legs and Paws	5	
Tail	5	25
COAT		
Texture	15	
Colour	15	30
CONDITION	5	5
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>100</u>

Withhold Challenge Certificates or First Place in Kitten classes for:

- 1 Green eyes.
- 2 A patch or noticeable number of white hairs.
- 3 Visible tail kinks.
- 4 Siamese or British body type.
- 5 Lack of weight or condition.
- 6 Flat or dished brow, uneven skull or cranial defect.
- 7 Too short a coat in adults.

Faults:

- 1 Tabby bars, spots or blotches on body or tail in colour restricted exhibits. This in effect excludes all patterns except the ticked tabby pattern.
- 2 Any eye colour other than yellow or amber.
- 3 Whip tail, or a short, thick tail, invisible tail-bone defect.
- 4 Straight profile, marked break or 'stop'.
- 5 Small ears.
- 6 Nose showing bumps.
- 7 Nose leather falling back markedly i.e. tip of nose not in a vertical line with chin.
- 8 Protuberant eyes.
- 9 Shaggy or woolly coat.

