

## BREED CODE: TYG – TOYGER

### GENERAL TYPE STANDARD

The Toyger is a designer cat: shorthaired, medium in size with a glittered, mackerel-patterned coat; a domestic feline 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-centred life. Thus, companionability traits, such as, but not limited to: dependability, quiet temperament, laid-back personality, intelligence, ease of training and handling, 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.

#### Head

**Shape:** Medium-sized. Long, broad and deep. Side view: half-hexagon as defined by angle change points of chin, nose, forehead and back skull. All contours well-defined, muscular and rounded.

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

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

**Chin:** Very strong. Deep, wide. Bite must be correct.

**Muzzle:** Medium to long and deep with well-defined, rounded muscular contours. Full face view: a long inverted heart shape from forehead to rounded whisker pads.

**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, depth is shallow.

**Profile:** Biplanar with angle change above the eyes. A slightly concave nose line acceptable.

**Neck:** Long and muscular.

#### Body

**Torso:** Medium to deep, long and muscular with rolling contours; strong and robust but not blocky. Strength is in the forequarters. Shoulders may interrupt top line. Chest is broad and deep, without interrupting neckline from head to foreleg.

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

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

**Boning:** Very large, dense, robust; never delicate.

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

## Coat

**Length:** Coat is short except: markings fur may be slightly but uniformly longer than ground coloured fur on body for a sculpted effect. Longer temple and jowl ruff fur is preferred.

**Texture / Density:** Fur is thick, luxurious and unusually soft, plush but resilient.

**Glitter:** Some glitter required. The more the better without undue loss of contrast or whited ground.

## Colour

**Tabby Markings:** Shall be virtually black to brown or even tan. Very dark markings on a richly coloured rufoused ground is preferred. Markings uniformly dark from tip of hair to skin are preferred. Mouse coloured undercoat is acceptable. Whited ground colour shall be as uniformly light to as white as possible and appears as per pattern requirements below.

**Contrast:** All colours next to each other should be as different in contrast as possible. The visibly noticeable difference in colour and contrast between two coat colours should be great or high between the tabby markings and the background colour; high between the dorsal orange background ground colour and ventral whited background ground colour; high between the dark ear colour and the lighter "thumb print"; and high between the whited ground colour of parts of the face and its modified tabby markings.

**Pattern:** Brown Mackerel Tabby ONLY.

## Markings

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

**Body:** Body stripes shall generally be vertically aligned with encircling markings on neck, legs and tail. Bold, braided, non-uniform stripes including stretched rosettes are preferred. Some stretched spots 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. 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 have dark backs, with lighter to virtually white 'thumbmarks' desirable. Black mascara, lipstick and whisker spot markings and white spectacles are desirable.

## SCALE OF POINTS

<b>Head and Neck</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Ears</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Eyes</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Body</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Legs &amp; feet</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Tail</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Coat Texture and Length</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Coat Colour</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Pattern</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

### **Allowances:**

1. Females may be somewhat smaller and less muscular than males and may exhibit no head ruff.
2. Well-muscled males may lack shoulder to neck definition.
3. Kittens may be somewhat longer coated, be less rufoused and be rather uncoordinated.
4. Colour may vary somewhat in intensity seasonally.

### **Penalize:**

1. Classic alignment of mackerel stripes on body (strongly suggesting a bulls eye or curved lines).
2. Substantially darker markings on points.
3. A dorsal stripe.
4. Traditional tabby face markings ONLY.
5. No glitter.
6. Narrow nose leather.
7. Excessive size or unmuscled bulk.
8. Lockets
9. Challenging temperament.

**Withhold Challenge Certificate or first place in kitten classes for:**

1. Ticked fur that obscures markings.
2. Belly or chest not marked.
3. Tail tip not black.
4. Blue eyes.
5. Incorrect number of toes on any foot

**Disqualify:**

1. Improper mouth alignment.

