

CHAUSIE (CU)

HEAD	40 points
Shape.....	7
Ears.....	7
Eyes.....	5
Chin.....	4
Muzzle.....	4
Nose.....	5
Profile.....	6
Neck.....	2

BODY	40 points
Torso.....	10
Legs.....	8
Feet.....	4
Tail.....	4
Boning.....	7
Musculature.....	7

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN ...	20 points
Texture.....	5
Pattern.....	8
Color.....	7

CATEGORY: Traditional.

DIVISION: Solid and Tabby Divisions.

COLORS: Black, Brown Ticked Tabby, Black Grizzled Ticked Tabby.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: Domestic shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed, Jungle Cat, Abyssinian.

HEAD:

Shape: Modified wedge, medium in size with a long, sloping forehead and high, angular, long cheekbones that meet a strong, full muzzle and chin. A change in direction at the sides of the muzzle gives the appearance of rounded whisker pads.

Eyes: Medium, slightly flattened oval and set on bias to just below the outside edge of the ear. Gold or yellow eye color preferred, hazel to light green allowed.

Profile: Long sloping forehead flows into the rise between the eyes, continuing down with good length, to meet the nose bump, which is rounded where it meets the convex nose leather.

Ears: Tall, large ears should be placed fairly close together on top of head with a wide base cornering the head and the ear set at a slight outward angle. The ear itself should be fairly wide all the way up with rounded ear tips. Ear tufts preferred, lack of tufts not a penalty.

Neck: The muscular neck is of medium length and thickness.

Muzzle: Proportionate to the cheekbones and length of nose, with full whisker pads.

Chin: Strong, full, both in profile and frontal view with depth resulting from good bone structure.

Nose: Medium-wide slightly broader between the eyes. Nose leather is convex and full.

BODY:

Torso: Long, lean and muscular, firm to the touch; the large rectangular body is strong and athletic, with a balanced chest and good depth of body without any roundness of the ribcage.

Legs: The legs are moderately long, well muscled with medium boning. The hind legs are slightly longer than the front, as the cat is built for running and leaping.

Feet: The feet are round and small in comparison to the overall size of the cat.

Tail: Three-quarter or full length tail acceptable; the 3/4 tail has fewer vertebrae and is preferred. Both tail lengths should be of medium thickness and fully articulated.

Musculature: The musculature of the Chausie is long and lean rather than bulky.

Boning: The Chausie has medium leg boning with long, lithe legs, while the torso is substantial with good depth.

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:

Length: Short to medium, with enough length to accommodate at least two bands of ticking. Not open.

Texture: A dense, softer undercoat with a coarser resilient texture to outer coat.

COLORS:

Black: Solid black.

Brown ticked tabby: A Mouse-gray color next to skin with sandy-gray to reddish-gold base coat. There will be two or three bands of dark ticking following the mouse coat with tabby markings on the face, legs and tail. Bold barring on the upper inside of the front leg is preferred with lighter to no barring on the outside of the front leg. There may be faint barring on the back leg. Neck may or may not have neck-laces. Faint tabby markings on the body may be present but not preferred. A white or off-white color should outline the eyes and muzzle. A lighter underside is preferred, speckled or spotted. The backs of ears will have "thumbprint" markings of a lighter color.

Black Grizzled Ticked Tabby: A pattern effect caused by a mutation at the agouti locus or extension locus. It is a dominant trait. The hair shaft is banded with lighter coloration at the skin (akin to mouse coat) alternating dark and lighter bands of ticking and ending with a dark tip. The grizzled effect is the result of the use of the Jungle Cat (*Felis Chaus*) in the development of the Chausie breed. The Jungle Cat ancestor (black) exhibiting the grizzled effect has solid black nose leather and pink paw pads.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Chausie is a statuesque cat, tall, upright, medium to large frame with legs more moderate in boning giving the cat a tall, slender-legged look. Its musculature is that of an agile hunter with great jumping ability. They have large upright, tufted ears. Males will be proportionately larger than the females. The over-all appearance should bring to mind the Middle Eastern/Asian Jungle Cat as the breed retains a strong resemblance to it's ancestor. This cat is good-natured, loyal and intelligent and should be amenable to handling showing no signs of challenge.

ALLOWANCES: Variation in tail length starting from just below the hock (3/4) to full length. Slight ghost body markings on kittens. Black paw pads with rosy or pink overtones allowed.

PENALIZE: Vivid green eyes. A cat that is too refined or too heavily boned. A cat void of tabby markings on the legs or tail.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW): True classic pattern. Any colors other than the three allowable colors. White lockets.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): Tail too short, resulting from a mutated gene (MX/PB/BB). Tail kinked or lacking flexibility.



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.