

BREED CODE: MAU – EGYPTIAN MAU

GENERAL TYPE STANDARD

The Egyptian Mau is the only nature domesticated breed of spotted cat. The Egyptian's impression should be one of an active, colourful cat of medium size with well developed muscles. Perfect physical condition with an alert appearance. Well balanced physically and temperamentally. Males tend to be larger than females.

- Head:** A slightly rounded wedge without flat planes, medium in length. Not full-cheeked. Profile showing a gentle contour with slight rise from the bridge of the nose to the forehead. Entire length of nose even in width when viewed from the front. Allowance must be made for jowls in adult males.
- Muzzle:** Should flow into existing wedge of the head. It should be neither short nor pointed. The chin should be firm, not receding or protruding.
- Ears:** Medium to large, alert and moderately pointed, continuing the planes of the head. Broad at base. Slightly flared with ample width between the ears. Hair on ears short and close lying. Inner ear a delicate, almost transparent, shell pink. May be tufted.
- Eyes:** Large and alert, almond shaped, with a slight slant towards the ears. Skull apertures neither round nor oriental.
- Body:** Medium long and graceful, showing well developed muscular strength. Loose skin flap extending from flank to hind leg knee. General balance is more to be desired than size alone. Allowance to be made for muscular necks and shoulders in adult males.
- Legs and Feet:** In proportion to body. Hind legs; proportionately longer, giving the appearance of being on tip-toe when standing upright. Feet small and dainty, slightly oval, almost round in shape. Toes: five in front and four behind.
- Tail:** Medium long, thick at base, with slight taper.
- Coat:** Hair is medium in length with a lustrous sheen. In the smoke colour the hair is silky and fine in texture. In the silver and bronze colours, the hair is dense and resilient in texture and accommodates two or more bands of ticking separated by lighter bands.

SCALE OF POINTS

Head	incl. size & shape of eyes, ear shape & set	20
Body Type	incl. shape, size, bone & tail	25
Coat	texture & length	5
Pattern		25
Colour	Incl. eye colour, coat colour	25
Total		100

Penalise

1. Short or round head.
2. Pointed muzzle.
3. Small, round or oriental eyes.
4. Cobby or oriental body.
5. Short or whip tail.
6. If no broken necklaces.
7. Pencillings in spotting pattern on torso.
8. Solid stripes on underside of body instead of “vest button” spots.
9. Poor condition.
10. Amber cast in eye colour in cats over the age of 1 1/2 years.

Disqualify

1. Lack of spots.
2. Blue eyes.
3. Kinked or abnormal tail.
4. Incorrect number of toes.
5. White locket or button distinctive from other acceptable white-coloured areas in colour sections of standard.

PATTERN (COMMON TO ALL COLOURS)

Markings on torso are to be randomly spotted with variance in size and shape. The spots can be small or large, round, oblong, or irregular shaped. Any of these are of equal merit but the spots, however shaped or whatever size, shall be distinct. Good contrast between pale ground colour and deeper markings. Forehead barred with characteristic OMO and frown marks, forming lines between the ears which continue down the back of the neck, ideally breaking into elongated spots, along the spine. As the spinal lines reach the rear haunches, they meld together to form a dorsal stripe, which continues along the top of the tail to its tip. The tail is heavily banded and has a dark tip. The cheeks are barred with "mascara" lines; the first starts at the outer corner of the eye and continues along the contour of the cheek, with a second line, which starts at the centre of the cheek and curves upwards, almost meeting below the base of the ear. On the upper chest there are one or more broken necklaces. The shoulder markings are a transition between stripes and spots. The upper front legs are heavily barred but do not necessarily match. Spotting pattern on each side of the torso need not match. Haunches and upper hind legs to be a transition between stripes and spots, breaking into bars on the lower leg. Underside of body to have "vest buttons" spots; dark in colour against the correspondingly pale ground colour.

COLOUR CHARTS

NO:	Colour	Coat Colour	Eye Colour	Nose Leather	Paw Pads:
MAUs /F	Silver	Pale silver ground colour across the head, shoulders, outer legs, back, and tail. Underside fades to a brilliant pale silver. All markings charcoal colour with a white to pale silver undercoat, showing good contrast against lighter ground colours. Back of ears greyish-pink and tipped in black. Nose, lips and eyes outlined in black. Upper throat area, chin, and around nostrils pale clear silver, appearing white.	Light green "gooseberry green". Amber cast is acceptable only in young adults up to 1 1/2 years of age.	Brick Red.	Black with black between the toes and extending beyond the paws of the hind legs.
MAUF	Bronze	Warm bronze ground colour across head, shoulders, outer legs, back, and tail, being darkest on the saddle and lightening to a tawny-buff on the sides. Underside fades to a creamy ivory. All markings dark brown-black with a warm brown undercoat, showing good contrast against the lighter ground colour. Back of ears tawny-pink and tipped in dark brown-black. Nose, lips, and eyes outlined in dark brown, with bridge of nose brown. Upper throat area, chin, and around nostrils pale creamy white.	Light green "gooseberry green". Amber cast is acceptable only in young adults up to 1 1/2 years of age.	Brick red.	Black or dark brown, with same colour between toes and extending beyond the paws of the hind legs.
MAUs	Smoke	Pale silver ground colour across head, shoulders, legs, tail, and underside, with all hairs to be tipped in black. All markings jet black with a white to pale silver undercoat, with sufficient contrast against ground colour for pattern to be plainly visible. Nose, lips and eyes outlined in jet black. Upper throat area, chin, and around nostrils lightest in colour.	Light green "gooseberry green". Amber cast is acceptable only in young adults up to 1 1/2 years of age.	Black.	Black with black between the toes and extending beyond the paws of the hind legs. Whiskers: black