

## BREED CODE: TIF - TIFFANY

### GENERAL TYPE STANDARD

The Tiffany is an elegant cat of foreign type, which is positive and quite individual to the breed. Any suggestion of either Siamese type or the cobbiness of the British cat must be regarded as a fault. In effect, a Burmese cat with long hair.

**Head and Ears:** The head 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. Ears should be medium in size, set well apart on the skull, broad at the base, with slightly rounded tips, the outer line of the ears continuing the shape of the upper part of the face. The head and ears give the impression of an equal-sided triangle. This may not be possible in mature males who develop a fullness of cheek. In profile the ears should be seen to have a slight forward tilt; there should be a slight break at the top of the nose and the chin should show a strong lower jaw.

**Eye Set and Colour:** 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 rounded. Either round or slit eyes are a fault. Eyes should be any shade of yellow from chartreuse to amber, with golden yellow preferred. Green eyes are a serious fault in all colours. Blue eyes to disqualify. Unevenness of colour, such as a ring around the pupil is undesirable.

**Body, Legs and Tail** 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. Neck and legs should be slender and in proportion to the body. Hind legs slightly longer than front; paws neat and oval in shape. 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. Tail hair spreads out like a plume.

**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 at the tips of the ears are acceptable.

**Condition** Should be well muscled, carrying no fat, lively and alert, with a firm feel when handled. Obesity, paunchiness, weakness, apathy or emaciation are undesirable.

## COLOURS – GENERAL CONSIDERATION

In all colours the underparts will be slightly lighter than the back. A coat free from barring, or spotting, should be aimed for in all colours. 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. Top awards should be withheld from mature cats (over 2 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 colour than the adult standard specifies.

All recognised Burmese and Mandalay colours are allowed and the Tiffany should conform to those individual colour standards.

## SCALE OF POINTS

<b>Body Legs and Tail</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Head and Ears</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Eye set and Colour</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Coat</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Condition</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Colour</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>100</u></b>

**Withhold Challenge Certificate or First Place in Kitten classes for:**

1. Eyes on the blue side of green.
2. Solid white patches.
3. Visible tail kinks.
4. Siamese or British body type.
5. Too short a coat in adults.

**Faults which may require the withholding of Challenge Certificates, when several such faults occur IN COMBINATION.**

1. Decided contrast of points in mature cats (2 years and over).
2. White hairs throughout the coat. (Permissible in mature queens where a light sprinkling of hairs across the shoulders may result from stud damage.
3. Tabby bars on adult cats, except in the case of Tabby, Tortie Tabby, or Silver Tabby Burmese.
4. Green eyes with no hint of yellow. (Because of their low colour intensity the apparent colour of Tiffany eyes is greatly affected by the colour and intensity of light in which they are viewed. They should be judged in moderately strong, diffuse daylight.)
5. Eyes set too close together or squinted.
6. Rounded or slit eyes.
7. Whip tail, or a short, thick tail, invisible tail-bone defect.
8. Muzzle pinch, weak chin.
9. Flat planes from eyes to ears and between ears.
10. Straight nose, marked profile break or "stop".
11. Abdominal dewlaps in animals under 2 years.
12. Jowls in males under 2 years.
13. Obesity, emaciation or apathy.
14. Shaggy, woolly or lack-lustre coat