

BREED CODE: BEN - BENGAL

GENERAL TYPE STANDARD

The goal of the Bengal breeding programme is to create a domestic cat which has physical features distinctive to the small forest-dwelling wildcats, and with the loving, dependable temperament of the domestic cat. Keeping this goal in mind, judges shall give special merit to those characteristics in the appearance of the Bengal which are distinct from those found in other domestic cat breeds. The Bengal cat is an athletic animal, alert to its surroundings; a friendly, curious, confident cat with strength, agility, balance and grace. It is a medium to large cat which exhibits a very muscular and solid build. Its wide nose with prominent whisker pads and large oval, almost round eyes in a slightly small head enhance the wild appearance and expressive nocturnal look. Its very slight, to nearly straight, concave profile and relatively short ears with wide base and rounded tips add to the Bengal's distinctive and unique appearance. A thick, low-set, medium-length tail adds balance to the cat.

Head

In shape a broad modified wedge with rounded contours. Longer than it is wide. Somewhat small in proportion to body, but not to be taken to extreme. The skull behind the ears makes a gentle curve and flows into the neck. Allowance to be made for jowls in adult males. Overall look of the head should be as distinct from the domestic cat as possible. A strong chin, aligning with tip of nose in profile. Muzzle is full and broad, with large, prominent whisker pads and high, pronounced cheekbones. Slight muzzle break at the whisker pads. Nose large and wide; slightly puffed nose leather. In profile the curve of the forehead should flow into the bridge of the nose with no break. Bridge of nose extends above the eyes; the line of the bridge extends to the nose tip, making a very slight, to nearly straight, concave curve. Neck long, substantial, muscular but in proportion to the head and body.

Ears

Medium to small, relatively short, with wide base and rounded tops. Set as much on side as top of head, following the contour of the face in the frontal view, and pointing forward in the profile view. Light horizontal furnishings acceptable; but lynx tipping undesirable.

Eyes

Oval, almost round. Large, but not bold. Set wide apart, back into face, and on slight bias toward base of ear. Eye colour green, gold, or hazel except in the Snow Bengals (for which refer to Breed Specific

Patterns and Colours section below). The more richness and depth of colour the better.

- Body** Torso is long and substantial, not oriental or foreign. Medium to large. Boning to be sturdy, firm; never delicate. Very muscular, especially in the males, one of the most distinguishing features.
- Legs and Paws** Legs medium in length, slightly longer in the back than in the front. Large, round, feet with prominent knuckles.
- Tail** Medium length, thick, tapered at end with rounded tip.
- Coat** The short, dense coat has a uniquely soft and silky feel. Lack of glitter will not militate against an exhibit of outstanding type.

BREED SPECIFIC PATTERNS & COLOURS

Spotted

Spots shall be random, or aligned horizontally. Rosettes showing two distinct colours or shades (such as paw print shaped, arrowhead shaped, doughnut or half-doughnut shaped, and clustered) are preferred to single spotting but not required. Contrast with ground colour must be extreme, giving distinct pattern and sharp edges. Strong, bold chin strap and mascara markings desirable. Virtually white undersides and belly desirable. Blotchy horizontal shoulder streaks, spotted legs and spotted or rosetted tail are desirable. Belly must be spotted.

Marbled

Markings, while derived from the classic tabby gene, should be uniquely different with as little 'bull's-eye' similarity as possible. Pattern should, instead, be random, giving the impression of marble, preferably with a horizontal flow when the cat is stretched. Vertical striped mackerel influence is undesirable. Preference should be given to cats with three or more shades; i.e., ground colour, markings, and dark outlining of those markings. Contrast must be extreme, with distinct shapes and sharp edges. Belly must be patterned.

Snow (Colour Restriction)

A Snow Bengal may have any one of the three expressions of temperature sensitive colour restriction:

- Sepia:** **Eye Colour:** Gold.
Ground Colour: Light to medium brown.
Markings: Dark grey to dark shades of brown.
Pointing: Point and body contrast may be almost totally lacking.
- Mink:** **Eye Colour:** Green to blue-green.
Ground Colour: Cream to pale brown.
Markings: Dark to light shades of brown.
Pointing: Points may be darker than body colour.
- Pointed:** **Eye Colour:** Blue.
Ground Colour: Ivory to cream.
Markings: Dark grey, to dark or light brown.
Pointing: Dark points contrasting with a pale body acceptable.

Charcoal

Charcoal Bengals exhibit a range of overall darker coat colours and are produced by the combination of domestic cat non-agouti and the Asian Leopard Cat's agouti genes. The charcoal coat differs in both colour and (to a lesser extent) pattern.

The background colour is darker and greyer in tone with little or no rufousing, and can vary from brownish-grey to a very dark grey. Markings are black and expanded. This causes the face markings to resemble a 'Zorro' mask, with the eyes circled with white spectacles and usually with white lines jetting up from the eyes. The dorsal stripe is broader and darker in colour, and is therefore sometimes referred to as a 'cape'. Other tabby markings are also darker and generally more extensive.

SCALE OF POINTS

Head	<u>35</u>
Head	25
Ears	5
Eye Shape & Colour	5
Body	<u>30</u>
Body	15
Legs & Paws	10
Tail	5
Coat	<u>35</u>
Texture	10
Pattern	15
Colour	10
TOTAL	100

ALLOWANCES, FAULTS, PENALTIES, ETC

Allowances

1. Smaller size, in balanced proportion, of females.
2. Slightly longer coat in kittens.
3. Jowls in adult males.
4. Eyes slightly almond shaped.
5. Mousy undercoat.

Faults

1. Long, rough or coarse coat.
2. Distinctly ticked coat.
3. Whip tail.

Withhold challenge certificate or first place in kitten classes for:

1. Tail tip or paw pads incorrect colour.
2. Stomach not spotted (except in blue-eyed Snow kittens).
3. Spots on body running together vertically forming a mackerel tabby pattern on spotted cats; circular bulls-eye pattern on marbled cats.
4. White patches or spots other than ocelli.

COLOUR CHARTS

SPOTTED

Refer to the General Type Standard for a description of Spotted.

Code	Colour	Ground Colour & Markings	Ears & Eye Colour	Other
BEN	Brown <u>Spotted</u> Tabby	<p>Ground Colour: All variations allowed, but a high degree of rufous colour yielding a yellow, buff, golden or orange ground colour preferred. A grey base coat should not be penalised.</p> <p>Markings: Black or various shades of brown.</p> <p>Chest, Underside & Inner Legs: Pale in contrast to the <u>ground colour</u> of the flanks and back.</p>	<p>Ears: A light coloured spot, known as ocelli, may be present on the back of the ears. These are preferred.</p> <p>Eye Colour: Refer to the <u>General Type Standard</u>.</p>	<p>Eye Rims, Lips & Nose Leather: Outlined in black with centre of nose leather brick red.</p> <p>Whisker Pads & Chin: A very pale shade of the ground colour</p> <p>Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Black.</p>
BEN A	Blue Spotted Tabby	<p>Ground Colour: Pale to slate blue grey.</p> <p>Markings: Medium to darker blue., with good contrast between ground colour and markings. Warm fawn tones can be present on face, back and legs. Underside and chest a <u>lighter shade</u>, as is the temple, muzzle, and the area around eyes.</p>	<p>Ears: A light coloured spot, known as ocelli, may be present on the back of the ears. These are preferred.</p> <p>Eye Colour: Refer to the <u>General Type Standard</u>.</p>	<p>Eye Rims & Lips: Dark blue.</p> <p>Nose Leather: Rose, outlined in dark blue.</p> <p>Paw Pads: Aubergine/purple.</p>

Code	Colour	Ground Colour & Markings	Ears & Eye Colour	Other
BEN s	Black Spotted Silver Tabby	<p>Ground Colour: Ground colour is pure silver-white in all areas including chin.</p> <p>Markings: Pattern is dense black. The ideal is for extreme contrast and clarity between ground colour and pattern colour. <u>Black hair extends well up the back of the hind legs.</u></p>	<p>Eye Colour: Refer to the <u>General Type Standard.</u></p>	<p>Eye Rims, Lips & Nose Leather: Outlined in black with centre of nose leather brick red.</p> <p>Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Black or seal brown.</p> <p>Fault: Brown tinge to coat.</p>
BEN sA	Blue Spotted Silver Tabby	<p>Ground Colour: Ground colour light silver-blue.</p> <p>Markings: Blue-grey. The ideal is for extreme contrast and clarity between ground colour and pattern colour. <u>Blue hair extends well up the back of the hind legs.</u></p>	<p>Eye Colour: Refer to the <u>General Type Standard.</u></p>	<p>Nose Leather: Rose–dark grey.</p> <p>Paw Pads: Blue-grey</p> <p>Tail Tip: Blue.</p>

SNOW SPOTTED

Refer to the General Type Standard for a description of Spotted and Snow.

Code	Colour	Ground Colour & Markings	Ears & Eye Colour	Other
BEN /1	<u>Seal Snow Spotted Tabby</u>	<p>Ground Colour: Ivory through to medium brown, with pattern clearly visible.</p> <p>Markings: <u>Dark grey</u> or dark shades of brown through to light brown, dependent on ground colour.</p>	<p>Ears: A light coloured spot, known as ocelli, may be present on the back of the ears. These are preferred.</p> <p>Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard for Snow Bengal.</p>	<p>Eye Rims, Lips & Nose Leather: Outlined in dark grey or dark brown with centre of nose leather brick red.</p> <p>Whisker Pads & Chin: Light coloured.</p> <p>Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Paw pads brown with rosy undertones. Tail tip <u>dark grey</u> or dark brown.</p>
BEN A/1	<u>Blue Snow Spotted Tabby</u>	<p>Ground Colour: Ivory to cream, with pattern clearly visible.</p> <p>Markings: <u>Light-dark warm slate blue</u> dependent on ground colour. Lighter colour round eyes, temple, and muzzle.</p>	<p>Ears: A light coloured spot, known as ocelli, may be present on the back of the ears. These are preferred.</p> <p>Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard for Snow Bengal.</p>	<p>Eye Rims & Lips: Outlined in slate-blue.</p> <p>Nose Leather: Pink to brick red.</p> <p>Whisker Pads & Chin: <u>Light coloured.</u></p> <p>Paw Pads: <u>Slate.</u></p> <p>Tail Tip: <u>Dark slate.</u></p>
BEN s/1	<u>Seal Snow Spotted Silver Tabby</u>	<p>Ground Colour: Body colour ranging from ivory to tan shading to a lighter colour on body and chest.</p> <p>Markings: Pattern and points can vary in colour from buff, tan, light brown, bitter chocolate, seal brown, to dark seal brown.</p> <p>Point colour should be separated by silvery ground colour with ivory or</p>	<p>Ears: Cold brown with lighter thumbprint in the centre</p> <p>Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard for Snow Bengal.</p>	<p>Eye Rims, Lips & Nose Leather: Outlined in dark brown, with centre of nose leather brick red or dark brown.</p> <p>Whisker Pads & Chin: Ivory or cream.</p> <p>Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Paw pads dark brown with rosy undertones allowed. Tail tip dark seal brown with underside of base of tail silvery white.</p>

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		cream spectacles, whisker pads and chin.		
BEN sA/1	Blue Snow Spotted Silver Tabby	<p>Ground Colour: Body colour ranging from ivory to light silvery blue, shading to silver white to light cream on body and chest.</p> <p>Markings: Pattern and points blue-grey to light caramel. Pigment around eyes, temples and muzzle: silver.</p>	<p>Ears: Blue-grey with lighter thumbprint in the centre.</p> <p>Eye Colour: Refer to the <u>General Type Standard for Snow Bengal</u>.</p>	<p>Eye Rims & Lips: Outlined in blue-grey.</p> <p>Nose Leather: Pink-brick red.</p> <p>Whisker Pads & Chin: Silver white to light cream.</p> <p>Paw Pads: Blue-grey with rose tones.</p> <p>Tail Tip: Blue-grey.</p>

SPOTTED CHARCOAL

Refer to the General Type Standard for a description of Spotted and Charcoal.

Code	Colour	Ground Colour & Markings	Ears & Eye Colour	Other
BEN Ch	Black Spotted Charcoal Tabby	Ground Colour: Dark grey to brownish grey. Markings: Black.	Ears: A light coloured spot, known as ocelli, may be present on the back of the ears. These are preferred. Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard.	Eye Rims: Outlined with white 'spectacles'. Lips & Nose Leather: Black or outlined in black with centre of nose leather brick red. Whisker Pads & Chin: A very pale shade of the ground colour. Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Black.
BEN ChA	Blue Spotted Charcoal Tabby	Ground Colour: Medium slate blue grey. Markings: Dark blue.	Ears: A light coloured spot, known as ocelli, may be present on the back of the ears. These are preferred. Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard.	Eye Rims: Outlined with white 'spectacles'. Lips & Nose Leather: Dark blue or outlined in blue with centre of nose leather brick red. Whisker Pads & Chin: A very pale shade of the ground colour. Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Dark blue.
BEN sCh	Black Spotted Charcoal Silver Tabby	Ground Colour: Pale silvery grey. Markings: Almost black. Dark hair extends well up the back of the hind legs.	Ears: Black with lighter thumbprint in the centre. Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard.	Eye Rims: Outlined with wide white 'spectacles'. Lips & Nose Leather: Almost black or outlined in black with centre of nose leather brick red. Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Black.

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		<p>Point colour should be separated by silver ground colour with silver white spectacles, whisker pads and chin.</p>		<p>Fault: Brown tinge to coat. Whisker Pads & Chin: Silver white.</p>
BEN sChA	<p>Blue Spotted Charcoal Silver Tabby</p>	<p>Ground Colour: Medium silvery blue-grey. Markings: Dark slate grey. Grey hair extends well up the back of the hind legs. Point colour should be separated by silver ground colour with silver white spectacles, whisker pads and chin.</p>	<p>Ears: Dark slate grey with lighter thumbprint in the centre. Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard.</p>	<p>Eye Rims: Outlined with wide white 'spectacles'. Lips & Nose Leather: Dark slate-grey or outlined in slate-grey with centre of nose leather dark rose. Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Slate-grey. Whisker Pads & Chin: Silver white.</p>

SNOW SPOTTED CHARCOAL

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Code	Colour	Ground Colour & Markings	Ears & Eye Colour	Other
BEN Ch/1	Seal Snow Spotted Charcoal Tabby	Ground Colour: Medium to light grey with pattern clearly visible. Markings: Dark to very dark grey dependent on ground colour.	Ears: A light coloured spot, known as ocelli, may be present on the back of the ears. These are preferred. Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard for Snow Bengal.	Eye Rims, Lips & Nose Leather: Outlined in dark grey with centre of nose leather rose red. Whisker Pads & Chin: Light coloured. Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Dark grey.
BEN ChA/1	Blue Snow Spotted Charcoal Tabby	Ground Colour: Pale grey, with pattern clearly visible. Markings: Medium-dark slate grey dependent on ground colour. Lighter colour round eyes, temple, and muzzle.	Ears: A light coloured spot, known as ocelli, may be present on the back of the ears. These are preferred. Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard for Snow Bengal.	Eye Rims & Lips: Outlined in slate-grey. Nose Leather: Pink to dark rose. Whisker Pads & Chin: Light coloured. Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Dark slate grey.
BEN sCh/1	Seal Snow Spotted Charcoal Silver Tabby	Ground Colour: Body colour ranging from pale to medium grey shading to a lighter colour on body and chest. Markings: Pattern and points varying in colour from grey to dark grey.	Ears: Dark grey with lighter thumbprint in the centre Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard for Snow Bengal.	Eye Rims, Lips & Nose Leather: Outlined in dark grey, with centre of nose leather brick red. Whisker Pads & Chin: Pale grey. Paw Pads: Dark grey. Tail Tip: Dark grey with underside of base of tail silvery white.

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		<p>Point colour should be separated by silvery ground colour with white spectacles, whisker pads and chin.</p>		
<p>BEN sChA/1</p>	<p>Blue Snow Spotted Charcoal Silver Tabby</p>	<p>Ground Colour: Body colour ranging from pale to light silver-grey, shading to a paler colour on body and chest. Markings: Pattern and points medium grey. Pigment around eyes, temples and muzzle: silver.</p>	<p>Ears: Grey with lighter thumbprint in the centre. Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard for Snow Bengal.</p>	<p>Eye Rims & Lips: Outlined in grey. Nose Leather: Pink-brick red. Whisker Pads & Chin: Silver white to very pale grey. Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Medium grey.</p>

MARBLED

Refer to the General Type Standard for a description of Marbled.

Code	Colour	Ground Colour & Markings	Ears & Eye Colour	Other
BEN F	Brown Marbled Tabby	<p>Ground Colour: All variations allowed, but a high degree of rufous colour yielding a yellow, buff, golden or orange ground colour preferred. A grey base coat should not be penalised.</p> <p>Markings: Black or various shades of brown.</p> <p>Chest, Underside & Inner Legs: Pale in contrast to the <u>ground colour</u> of the flanks and back.</p>	<p>Ears: A light coloured spot, known as ocelli, may be present on the back of the ears. These are preferred.</p> <p>Eye Colour: Refer to the <u>General Type Standard</u>.</p>	<p>Eye Rims, Lips & Nose Leather: Outlined in black with centre of nose leather brick red.</p> <p>Whisker Pads & Chin: A very pale shade of the ground colour</p> <p>Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Black</p>
BEN FA	Blue Marbled Tabby	<p>Ground Colour: Pale to slate blue grey.</p> <p>Markings: Medium to darker blue, with good contrast between ground colour and markings. Warm fawn tones can be present on face, back and legs. Underside and chest a lighter shade, as is the temple, muzzle, and the area around eyes.</p>	<p>Ears: A light coloured spot, known as ocelli, may be present on the back of the ears. These are preferred.</p> <p>Eye Colour: Refer to the <u>General Type Standard</u>.</p>	<p>Eye Rims & Lips: Dark blue.</p> <p>Nose Leather: Rose, outlined in dark blue.</p> <p>Paw Pads: Aubergine/purple.</p>
BEN sF	Black Marbled Silver Tabby	<p>Ground Colour: Ground colour is pure silver-white in all areas including chin.</p>	<p>Eye Colour: Refer to the <u>General Type Standard</u>.</p>	<p>Eye Rims, Lips & Nose Leather: Outlined in black with centre of nose leather brick red.</p>

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		<p>Markings: Pattern is dense black. The ideal is for extreme contrast and clarity between ground colour and pattern colour. <u>Black hair extends well up the back of the hind legs.</u></p>		<p>Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Black or seal brown. Fault: Brown tinge to coat.</p>
BEN sFA	<p><u>Blue Marbled Silver Tabby</u></p>	<p>Ground Colour: <u>Ground colour light silver-blue.</u> Markings: <u>Blue-grey. The ideal is for extreme contrast and clarity between ground colour and pattern colour. Blue hair extends well up the back of the hind legs.</u></p>	<p>Eye Colour: <u>Refer to the General Type Standard.</u></p>	<p>Nose Leather: <u>Rose–dark grey.</u> Paw Pads: <u>Blue-grey.</u> Tail Tip: <u>Blue.</u></p>

SNOW MARBLED

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Code	Colour	Ground Colour & Markings	Ears & Eye Colour	Other
BEN F/1	<u>Seal Snow Marbled Tabby</u>	<p>Ground Colour: Ivory through to medium brown, with pattern clearly visible.</p> <p>Markings: Charcoal or dark shades of brown through to light brown, dependent on ground colour.</p>	<p>Ears: A light coloured spot, known as ocelli, may be present on the back of the ears. These are preferred.</p> <p>Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard for Snow Bengal.</p>	<p>Eye Rims, Lips & Nose Leather: Outlined in charcoal or dark brown with centre of nose leather brick red.</p> <p>Whisker Pads & Chin: Light coloured.</p> <p>Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Paw pads brown with rosy undertones. Tail tip charcoal or dark brown.</p>
BEN FA/1	<u>Blue Snow Marbled Tabby</u>	<p>Ground Colour: Ivory to cream, with pattern clearly visible.</p> <p>Markings: Light-dark warm slate blue dependent on ground colour. Lighter colour round eyes, temple, and muzzle.</p>	<p>Ears: A light coloured spot, known as ocelli, may be present on the back of the ears. These are preferred.</p> <p>Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard for Snow Bengal.</p>	<p>Eye Rims & Lips: Outlined in blue-grey.</p> <p>Nose Leather: Pink-brick red.</p> <p>Whisker Pads & Chin: Silver white to light cream.</p> <p>Paw Pads: Blue-grey with rose tones.</p> <p>Tail Tip: Blue-grey.</p>
BEN sF/1	<u>Seal Snow Marbled Silver Tabby</u>	<p>Ground Colour: Body colour ranging from ivory to tan shading to a lighter colour on body and chest.</p> <p>Markings: Pattern and points can vary in colour from buff, tan, light brown, bitter chocolate, seal brown, to dark seal brown.</p> <p>Point colour should be separated by silvery ground colour with ivory or</p>	<p>Ears: Cold brown with lighter thumbprint in the centre</p> <p>Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard for Snow Bengal.</p>	<p>Eye Rims, Lips & Nose Leather: Outlined in dark brown, with centre of nose leather brick red or dark brown.</p> <p>Whisker Pads & Chin: Ivory or cream.</p> <p>Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Paw pads dark brown with rosy undertones allowed. Tail tip dark seal brown with underside of base of tail silvery white.</p>

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		cream spectacles, whisker pads and chin.		
BEN sFA/1	Blue Snow Marbled Silver Tabby	<p>Ground Colour: Body colour ranging from ivory to light silver-grey, shading to silver white to light cream on body and chest.</p> <p>Markings: Pattern and points blue-grey to light caramel. Pigment around eyes, temples, and muzzle: silver.</p>	<p>Ears: Blue-grey with lighter thumbprint in the centre.</p> <p>Eye Colour: Refer to the <u>General Type Standard for Snow Bengal</u>.</p>	<p>Eye Rims & Lips: Outlined in blue-grey.</p> <p>Nose Leather: Pink-brick red.</p> <p>Whisker Pads & Chin: Silver white to light cream.</p> <p>Paw Pads: Blue-grey with rose tones.</p> <p>Tail Tip: Blue-grey.</p>

CHARCOAL MARBLED

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Code	Colour	Ground Colour & Markings	Ears & Eye Colour	Other
BEN FCh	<u>Black Marbled Charcoal Tabby</u>	<p>Ground Colour: Dark grey to brownish grey.</p> <p>Markings: Black.</p> <p>Chest, Underside & Inner Legs: Pale in contrast to the ground colour of the flanks and back.</p>	<p>Ears: A light coloured spot, known as ocelli, may be present on the back of the ears. These are preferred.</p> <p>Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard.</p>	<p>Eye Rims: Outlined with white 'spectacles'.</p> <p>Lips & Nose Leather: Black or outlined in black with centre of nose leather brick red.</p> <p>Whisker Pads & Chin: A very pale shade of the ground colour.</p> <p>Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Black.</p>
BEN FChA	<u>Blue Marbled Charcoal Tabby</u>	<p>Ground Colour: Medium slate blue grey.</p> <p>Markings: Dark blue.</p>	<p>Ears: A light coloured spot, known as ocelli, may be present on the back of the ears. These are preferred.</p> <p>Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard.</p>	<p>Eye Rims: Outlined with white 'spectacles'.</p> <p>Lips & Nose Leather: Dark blue or outlined in blue with centre of nose leather brick red.</p> <p>Whisker Pads & Chin: A very pale shade of the ground colour.</p> <p>Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Dark blue.</p>
BEN sFCh	<u>Black Marbled Charcoal Silver Tabby</u>	<p>Ground Colour: Ground colour is pale silvery-grey in all areas including chin.</p> <p>Markings: Pattern is almost black. The ideal is for extreme contrast and clarity between ground colour and</p>	<p>Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard.</p>	<p>Eye Rims: Outlined with white 'spectacles'.</p> <p>Lips & Nose Leather: Outlined in black or almost black with centre of nose leather brick red.</p> <p>Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Black.</p>

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		<p>pattern colour. Dark hair extends well up the back of the hind legs.</p>		<p>Fault: Brown tinge to coat.</p>
<p>BEN sFChA</p>	<p>Blue Marbled Charcoal Silver Tabby</p>	<p>Ground Colour: Medium silvery blue-grey. Markings: Dark slate grey. Grey hair extends well up the back of the hind legs. Point colour should be separated by silver ground colour with silver white spectacles, whisker pads and chin.</p>	<p>Ears: Dark slate grey with lighter thumbprint in the centre. Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard.</p>	<p>Eye Rims: Outlined with wide white 'spectacles'. Lips & Nose Leather: Dark slate-grey or outlined in slate-grey with centre of nose leather brick red. Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Slate-grey. Whisker Pads & Chin: Silver white.</p>

SNOW MARBLED CHARCOAL

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Code	Colour	Ground Colour & Markings	Ears & Eye Colour	Other
BEN FCh/1	Seal Snow Marbled Charcoal Tabby	Ground Colour: Medium to light grey with pattern clearly visible. Markings: Dark to very dark grey dependent on ground colour.	Ears: A light coloured spot, known as ocelli, may be present on the back of the ears. These are preferred. Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard for Snow Bengal.	Eye Rims, Lips & Nose Leather: Outlined in dark grey with centre of nose leather rose red. Whisker Pads & Chin: Light coloured. Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Dark grey.
BEN FChA/1	Blue Snow Marbled Charcoal Tabby	Ground Colour: Pale grey, with pattern clearly visible. Markings: Medium-dark slate grey dependent on ground colour. Lighter colour round eyes, temple and muzzle.	Ears: A light coloured spot, known as ocelli, may be present on the back of the ears. These are preferred. Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard for Snow Bengal.	Eye Rims & Lips: Outlined in slate-grey. Nose Leather: Pink to dark rose. Whisker Pads & Chin: Light coloured. Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Dark slate grey.
BEN sFCh/1	Seal Snow Marbled Charcoal Silver Tabby	Ground Colour: Body colour ranging from pale to medium grey shading to a lighter colour on body and chest. Markings: Pattern and points varying in colour from grey to dark grey.	Ears: Dark grey with lighter thumbprint in the centre Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard for Snow Bengal.	Eye Rims, Lips & Nose Leather: Outlined in dark grey, with centre of nose leather brick red. Whisker Pads & Chin: Pale grey. Paw Pads: Dark grey. Tail Tip: Dark grey with underside of base of tail silvery white.

Code	Colour	Ground Colour & Markings	Ears & Eye Colour	Other
		<p>Point colour should be separated by silvery ground colour with white spectacles, whisker pads and chin.</p>		
<p>BEN sFChA/1</p>	<p>Blue Snow Marbled Charcoal Silver Tabby</p>	<p>Ground Colour: Body colour ranging from pale to light silver-grey, shading to a paler colour on body and chest. Markings: Pattern and points medium grey. Pigment around eyes, temples and muzzle: silver.</p>	<p>Ears: Grey with lighter thumbprint in the centre Eye Colour: Refer to the General Type Standard for Snow Bengal.</p>	<p>Eye Rims & Lips: Outlined in grey. Nose Leather: Pink-brick red. Whisker Pads & Chin: Silver white to very pale grey. Paw Pads & Tail Tip: Medium grey.</p>