

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, Tabby and Miscellaneous Divisions.

COLORS: Black, Brown Ticked Tabby, and Silver Tipped.

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 harder resilient texture to outer coat.

COLORS:

Brown ticked tabby: A mouse-gray color next to the skin with sandy-gray to reddish-gold base coat. The coat will have two or more bands of color in the ticking. Reverse ticking and/or flecking may also be present. There should be tabby markings on the face and barring on the legs and tail. Barring on the front legs appears primarily on the upper front and inside of the leg, with the inside being more bold than the outside. The barring on the front legs may be more bold than on the hock of the back legs. The tail should be black-tipped. Barring may or may not be present on the neck. Faint tabby markings on the body may be present but not preferred. The backs of the ears will have "thumbprint" markings of a lighter color. A white or off-white color should outline the eyes and muzzle. Nose leather pink to brick red. The underside will range in color from white or off-white to sandy-gold. Stomach may appear flecked, speckled or spotted.

Black: Solid black.

Silver tipped: This pattern is a new gene that appears to be a form or modification of ticked tabby in that it is grey or lighter at the skin followed by black and is marked by lighter bands of color or ticking on the shaft ending in black tips. Faint tabby markings on the torso may be present but not preferred. Ear furnishings will appear silver and will be banded. Nose leather is black, The Silver Tip gene is a dominant gene found in the Chausie breed as a result of the Jungle Cat ancestor used to develop this breed.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Chausie is a statuesque cat, tall, upright, medium to large framed 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 its 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.