

## OCICAT (OC)

<b>HEAD</b> .....	25 points
Shape .....	5
Ears .....	5
Eyes .....	5
Muzzle .....	10

<b>BODY</b> .....	35 points
Torso .....	10
Size .....	10
Legs/Feet .....	10
Tail .....	5

<b>COAT/COLOR/PATTERN</b>	10 points
Texture .....	5
Pattern .....	20
Color .....	15

**CATEGORIES:** Traditional.

**DIVISIONS:** Tabby and Silver/Smoke.

**COLORS:** Spotted pattern ONLY, eumelanistic colors ONLY.

**PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:** Abyssinian, Siamese

### HEAD:

Shape: Modified wedge, with slight curve from muzzle to cheek. In pleasing proportion to body.

Profile: Visible but gentle rise from bridge of nose to brow.

Muzzle: Well-defined, suggestion of squareness; in profile shows good length, no suggestion of snippiness. Jaws firm with proper bite.

Chin: Strong.

Ears: Moderately large. Set so as to corner the head. Lynx tips are a bonus when present.

Eyes: Large almond shaped. Angled slightly upward toward the ears with more than the length of an eye apart. All eye colors except blue allowed. No relationship between coat and eye color.

Neck: Arched.

### BODY:

Torso: Moderate, semi-foreign, with some depth to chest, ribs slightly sprung. Back level to slightly higher in rear. Reasonably level flank.

Boning: Moderate.

Musculature: Substantial, yet with athletic appearance.

Tail: Slight taper, medium slim, fairly long with dark tip.

Legs: Medium long, in good

proportion to body. Good substance and well-muscled.

Feet: Oval, compact and in proportion to legs.

### COAT:

Length: Long enough to carry several bands of ticking..

Texture: Fine, thick, tight, close-lying.

**COLOR:** Each hair should carry several bands of color. All colors should be clear. The color is usually lighter around the eyes, on the chin and lower jaw: with the darkest color on the tip of the tail. Clarity of contrast is preferred. Distinctive markings should be clearly seen from any angle. Those on the face, legs and tail may be darker than those on the torso. Ground color may be darker on the saddle and lighter on the underside, chin, and lower jaw. Pale colors will show less contrast than darker ones

### PATTERN:

There is an intricate tabby "M" on the forehead, with markings extending up over the head between the ears, breaking into small spots on the lower neck and shoulders. Mascara markings are found around the eyes and on cheeks. Rows of round spots run along the spine from shoulder blades to tail. The tail has horizontal brush strokes down the top, ideally alternating with spots, and a dark tip. Spots are scattered across the shoulders and hindquarters, extending as far as possible down the legs. There are broken bracelets on the lower legs and broken necklaces at the throat, the more broken, the better. Large, well-scattered, thumb print-shaped spots appear on the sides of the torso, with a subtle suggestion of a classic tabby pattern; a spot circled by spots in place of the bulls eye. The belly is also well-spotted. The eyes are rimmed with the darkest coat color and surrounded by the lightest color.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** The Ocicat is a large, well-spotted cat of moderate type. It displays the look of an athletic animal, well-muscled and solid, graceful and lithe, yet with a fullness of body and chest. It is alert to its surroundings and shows great vitality. The Ocicat is bred in many colors. Each hair, except on the tip of the tail, has several bands of color. Where

these bands fall together a thumb print spot is formed, darker spots on a lighter background. Within the markings, hairs are tipped with a darker color, while hairs in the ground color are tipped with a lighter color. All colors should be clear. The color is usually lighter around the eyes, on the chin and lower jaw; with the darkest color on the tip of the tail. Contrast is scored separately. Distinctive markings should be clearly seen from any angle. Those on the face, legs and tail may be darker than those on the torso. Ground color may be darker on the saddle and lighter on the underside, chin, and lower jaw. This powerful, athletic-yet-graceful spotted cat is particularly noted for its wild appearance. Preference is to be given to the athletic, powerful and lithe.

**ALLOWANCES:** Stud jowls in adult males. Pale colors will show less contrast than darker ones.

**PENALIZE:** Elongated spots following a mackerel pattern.

**WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):** White locket or spotting, or white anywhere other than around eyes, nostrils, chin, and upper throat. Any cat displaying phaeomelanistic color.



*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.*