
TURKISH ANGORA

Breed Council Secretary: Marguerite Epstein – Keystone Heights, Florida
Total Members: 45
Ballots Received: 21

1. **PROPOSED:** Change the BODY description to indicate that Females are typically smaller than males.

Current:

BODY: medium size, however, overall balance, grace and fineness of bone are more important than actual size. Males may be slightly larger than females. Body is long and slender, possessing greater depth than width, oval rather than round (not tubular). Shoulders the same width as hips. Rump slightly higher than shoulders. Finely boned with firm muscularity.

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RATIONALE: While it is an accepted fact that this breed's standard favors the female, the current wording, "males MAY be slightly larger than females," implies that it would be *preferable* if they were NOT. Some judges have told us that this is how they interpret the wording. In the vast majority of breeds, males are larger than females. We do not believe that the Turkish Angora males should be penalized for this. The suggested change simply clarifies the size relationship between the two sexes without implying any sort of value judgment or preference.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 21

60% of Voting: 13

YES: 18

NO: 3

ABSTAIN: 0

2. **PROPOSED:** Change disqualify section as to tail, as follows:

Current:

DISQUALIFY: cobby body type. Kinked or abnormal tail. Crossed eyes.

Proposed:

DISQUALIFY: cobby body type. Kinked or abnormal vertebral malformation of the tail. Crossed eyes.

RATIONALE: The current wording, which was simply taken from the Persian standard when the breed was first recognized, provides no guidance for judges as to what constitutes an abnormality in this breed. Judges currently have free rein in this interpretation. Cats have been DQd because their tail tips were “not tapered enough” even though our standard does not call for a taper to a point such as found in other breeds or because the tail curled in a way that a judge considered abnormal, or because of nervous kinks (without structural abnormality) that subsequently disappeared as the cat grew more comfortable in the show environment. We want to define the DQ for tail faults as a specific physical irregularity that prevents the tail from meeting the standard, rather than have a DQ that gives judges the ability to declare virtually anything “abnormal”. This is not a cheapening of the standard, it is a clarification that calls for a more precise thought process before a DQ for tail faults.

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- 3. PROPOSED:** Amend the current Rules for Registration applicable specifically to this breed by removing ticked tabby from the list of colors in the “REGISTER AS AOV” category and registering it for Championship competition, adding it to the Tabby Color Class, with ticked tabby and white assigned to the Parti-Color & Bi-Color Class. Ticked Tabbies can then be assigned their own registration prefix (all accepted Tabby colors), and the Ticked Tabby and White added to the Tabby and White registration prefixes 1892-1893 (to be shown in the Tabby and Parti-Color and Bi-Color Classes).

Current:

REGISTER AS AOV:

Ticked Tabby (2/07)	

Proposed:

REGISTER AS AOV:

Ticked Tabby (2/07) NONE	

RATIONALE: In 2007 the Board accepted a presentation from the Turkish Angora BCS indicating that the ticked tabby pattern was not one due to hybridization in the breed. They continue to occur in today’s Turkish Angoras, all of whom have many generations of pure Turkish Angora ancestry. Evidence also exists that the ticked tabby allele is an ancient allele

in the domestic cat, if not arguably "wild type" for our species. Ticked Tabbies are recognized and registered for championship competition by multiple other organizations, but the restriction of ticked tabbies to AOV prevents them from gaining momentum in CFA. Requiring a minority color in a minority breed to conform to the strict mandates of the AOV matrix is simply assigning the color there for the foreseeable future. Each year multiple breeds are permitted to add to their color descriptions and color classes when a color is found to naturally exist in the gene pool without their progression from AOV. Further, in the past our rules restricting their registration have not been consistently enforced, and we believe at least one ticked tabby has been registered in the championship registration prefixes. Rather than attempting to revoke this registration, as well as any of their offspring, and restricting the value of European lines to our gene pool, we would ask to grant full championship status to this color to encourage further registration and importation of new genetic material.

REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)

Votes: 21

50% of Voting: 11

YES: 16

NO: 5

ABSTAIN: 0

- 4. PROPOSED:** Add the description for TICKED TABBY PATTERN and these patterns with white to the Standard.

Current:

SPOTTED TABBY PATTERN: ...

PATCHED TABBY PATTERN: ...

SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color pale clear silver. Markings dense black. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Paw pads:** black.

RED TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color red. Markings deep rich red. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Nose leather and paw pads:** brick red.

BROWN TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color brilliant coppery brown. Markings dense black. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Back of leg black from paw to heel. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Paw pads:** black or brown.

BLUE TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color pale bluish ivory. Markings a very deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Warm fawn overtones or patina over the whole. **Nose leather:** old rose. **Paw pads:** rose.

CREAM TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color very pale cream. Markings of buff or cream sufficiently darker than the ground color to afford good contrast but remaining

within the dilute color range. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink.

CAMEO TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color off-white. Markings red. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Nose leather and paw pads:** rose desirable.

CREAM CAMEO TABBY (Cream-Silver) (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color off-white. Markings cream. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink.

BLUE-SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color pale, bluish silver. Markings a deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Nose leather:** old rose desirable. **Paw pads:** rose desirable.

BLUE SILVER PATCHED TABBY (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color pale bluish silver. Markings sound blue. Patches of cream tabby or softly intermingled areas of cream tabby on both body and extremities. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Nose leather:** blue or old rose trimmed with blue and/or pink. **Paw pads:** blue or old rose and/or pink.

TABBY AND WHITE (classic, mackerel, spotted and patched, where applicable): color as defined for tabby with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly and all four paws. White on at least one-third of body and white blaze on face is desirable. Tabby colors accepted are brown, silver, blue, blue-silver, red, cream, cameo and cream-cameo.

TORTOISESHELL: ...

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ARCO (Any Other Variety): any established tabby color in the ticked tabby pattern or ticked tabby pattern with white.

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Turkish Angora Color Class Number

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Tabby Color Class	1836	1837
<i>[Blue Tabby, Brown Tabby, Silver Tabby, Blue-Silver Tabby (classic, mackerel, spotted, patched). Cream Tabby, Red Tabby, Cameo Tabby, Cream Cameo (cream-silver) Tabby (classic, mackerel, spotted)].</i>		
Parti-Color & Bi-Color Class	1848	1849

(Black & White, Blue-Cream, Blue & White, Calico, Cream & White, Red & White, Dilute Calico, Tortoiseshell, Tabby & White [brown, silver, blue, blue-silver, red, cream, cameo and cream-cameo in classic, mackerel, spotted and, where applicable, patched]; Smoke & White [black smoke & white, blue smoke & white, cameo smoke (red smoke) & white, cream cameo smoke (cream smoke) and white], Calico Smoke, Dilute Calico Smoke)

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Proposed:

SPOTTED TABBY PATTERN: ...

TICKED TABBY PATTERN: The overall appearance is a cat without obvious markings on the body and with the distinct tabby striping on the head, neck, legs, and tail. The hair shafts on the body should be ticked with various shades of the marking color. The marking colors (stripes), ground colors and eye colors are the same as for the classic, mackerel and spotted. When viewed from above, the body does not have distinct spots, stripes or blotches, except for darker dorsal shading. The lighter underside may show tabby markings. Face, legs, and tail must show distinct tabby striping. The cat must have at least one distinct necklace. The hocks are the same color as the tabby marking color.

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RATIONALE: In 2007 the Board accepted for registration into AOV the ticked tabby and ticked tabby and white pattern. Although the ticked pattern was newly added from the Registration Rules for the breed, it is not a pattern born of hybridization and is occurring in the natural gene pool. As such it was not a “new” color, and should have been accepted into either the tabby or bi-color classes, or at a minimum into the OTAC classes as a color not resulting from hybridization. Each year multiple breeds are permitted to add color descriptions and color classes, bypassing the AOV matrix because the colors are naturally occurring. This should be true of a ticked tabby or ticked tabby and white Turkish Angora. All existing ticked tabbies have multiple generations of CFA registered Turkish Angoras behind them. However, in a time of a difficult economy and reduced breeding, there is no encouragement to register or show these cats, who cannot be shown for any titles. We do not believe it will be possible to ever meet the numbers required of the AOV matrix, given the number of Turkish Angora breeders worldwide. We are not asking for new color classes, we are asking that this tabby pattern be moved to championship status, within the existing Tabby and Parti-Color and Bi-Color classes.

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