American Wirehair

POINT SCORE

HEAD (including size and shape of eyes, ear shape and set) ........................................... 25
TYPE (including shape, size, bone and length of tail) ................. 20
COAT ............................................................................ 45
COAT COLOR AND EYE COLOR ......................................... 10

GENERAL: the American Wirehair is a spontaneous mutation. The coat, which is not only springy, dense, and resilient, but also coarse and hard to the touch, distinguishes the American Wirehair from all other breeds. Characteristic is activity, agility, and keen interest in its surroundings.

HEAD: in proportion to the body. Underlying bone structure is round with prominent cheekbones and well-developed muzzle and chin. There is a slight whisker break.

NOSE: in profile the nose shows a gentle concave curve.

MUZZLE: well-developed. Allowance for jowls in adult males.

CHIN: firm and well-developed with no malocclusion.

EARS: medium, slightly rounded at tips, set wide and not unduly open at the base.

EYES: large, rounded, bright, and clear. Set well apart. Aperture has slight upward tilt. The color should reflect intensity, and complement the color of the cat.

BODY: medium to large. Back level, shoulders and hips same width, torso well-rounded and in proportion. Males larger than females.

LEGS: medium in length and bone, well-muscled and proportionate to body.

PAWS: firm, full and rounded, with heavy pads. Toes, five in front and four behind.

TAIL: in proportion to body, tapering from the well-rounded rump to a rounded tip, neither blunt nor pointed.

COAT: springy, tight, medium in length. Individual hairs are crimped, hooked, or bent, including hair within the ears. The overall appearance of wiring and the coarseness and resilience of the coat is more important than the crimping of each hair. The density of the wired coat leads to ringlet formation rather than waves. That coat, which is very dense, resilient, crimped, and coarse, is most desirable, as are curly whiskers.

PENALIZE: deep nose break.

DISQUALIFY: incorrect coat. Kinked or abnormal tail. Long or fluffy fur. Incorrect number of toes. Evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, the Himalayan pattern, or these combinations with white.

AMERICAN WIREHAIR COLORS


BLUE: blue, lighter shade preferred, one level tone from nose to tip of tail. Sound to the roots. A sound darker shade is more acceptable than an unsound lighter shade. Nose leather and Paw pads: blue.

RED: deep, rich, clear, brilliant red, without shading, markings or ticking. Lips and chin the same color as coat. Nose leather and Paw pads: brick red.

evenly distributed spots. Body spots may subtly suggest a mackerel or classic pattern, may not be connected and preference given to spots in a random pattern. A dorsal stripe runs the length of the body to the tip of the tail. The stripe is ideally composed of spots. The markings on the face and forehead shall be typically tabby markings. Underside of the body to have “vest buttons.” Legs and tail are barred. On the upper chest there are one or more broken necklaces.

**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 tabby patterns. When viewed from above, the body is free from obvious spots, strips or blotches, except for darker dorsal shading. The lighter underside may show tabby markings. The cat must have at least one distinct necklace. The hocks are the same color as the tabby marking color.

**SILVER TABBY** (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color, including lips and chin, pale, clear silver. Markings dense black. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Paw pads:** black.

**RED TABBY** (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color red. Markings deep, rich red. Lips and chin red. **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, including lips and chin, pale bluish ivory. Markings a very deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Warm fawn overtones or patina over the whole. **Nose leather:** old rose. **Paw pads:** rose.

**CREAM TABBY** (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color, including lips and chin, 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. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** pink.

**CAMEO TABBY** (classic, mackerel, spotted): ground color off-white. Markings red. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** rose.

**TORTOISESHELL:** black with unbrindled patches of red and cream. Patches clearly defined and well-broken on both body and extremities. Blaze of red or cream on face is desirable.

**CALICO:** white with unbrindled patches of black and red. White predominant on underparts.

**DILUTE CALICO:** white with unbrindled patches of blue and cream. White predominant on underparts.

**BLUE-CREAM:** blue with patches of solid cream. Patches clearly defined and well-broken on both body and extremities.

**BI-COLOR:** white with unbrindled patches of black, white with unbrindled patches of blue. White with unbrindled patches of red, or white with unbrindled patches of cream.

**OWC (Other Wirehair Colors):** any other color or pattern with the exception of those showing evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, the Himalayan pattern, or these combinations with white.

The following information is for reference purposes only and not an official part of the CFA Show Standard.

**American Wirehair Color Class Numbers**

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**American Wirehair allowable outcross breeds:**

American Shorthair.