

EGYPTIAN MAU [MAU] (Standard Source: CFA 2006)

General

The Egyptian Mau is the only natural domesticated breed of spotted cat. Impression should be one of a well-balanced, active, colourful cat of medium size with well developed muscles, in perfect physical condition with an alert appearance. Males tend to be larger than females.

Head: A slightly rounded wedge without flat planes, medium in length. Not full-cheeked. Profile showing a gentle contour with slight rise from the bridge of the nose to the forehead. Entire length of nose even in width when viewed from the front. Muzzle should flow into existing wedge of the head. It should be neither short nor pointed. The chin should be firm, not receding or protruding.

Ears: Medium to large, alert and moderately pointed, continuing the planes of the head. Broad at base. Slightly flared with ample width between the ears. Hair on ears short and close lying. May be tufted.

Eyes: Large and alert, almond shaped, with a slight slant towards the ears. Skull apertures neither round nor oriental.

Body: Medium long and graceful, showing well developed muscular strength. Loose skin flap extending from flank to hind leg knee. General balance is more to be desired than size alone.

Legs and Feet: In proportion to body. Hind legs proportionately longer, giving the appearance of being on tip-toe when standing upright. Feet small and dainty, slightly oval, almost round in shape.

Tail: Medium long, thick at base, with slight taper.

Coat: Hair is medium in length with a lustrous sheen.

Bronze & Silver: The hair is dense and resilient in texture and accommodates two or more bands of ticking separated by lighter bands.

Smoke: The hair is silky and fine in texture.

Remarks: Allowance must be made for jowls, muscular necks and shoulders in adult males.

Faults: Short or round head; pointed muzzle; small, round or oriental eyes; cobby or oriental body; short or whip tail.

Withhold

Challenge: ~

Disqualify Kink or abnormal tail.

SCALE OF POINTS

Head:	<i>including size & shape of eyes, ear shape & set</i>	20 points
Ears:		~ points
Eyes:		~ points
Body:	<i>including size, bone & tail</i>	25 points
Legs and Feet:		~ points
Tail:		~ points
Coat:	<i>texture & length</i>	5 points
Colour:	<i>including eye colour, coat colour & pattern (25)</i>	50 points
Condition:		~ points

100 points

COLOURS AND PATTERNS RECOGNISED

General Description

Eye Colour: Light green “gooseberry green”.

Coat Colour: Only as listed below.

Inner ear is a delicate, almost transparent, shell pink.

Coat Pattern: Markings on torso are to be randomly spotted with variance in size and shape. The spots can be small or large, round, oblong, or irregular shaped. Any of these are of equal merit but the spots, however shaped or whatever size, shall be distinct. Good contrast between pale ground colour and deeper markings. Forehead barred with characteristic “M” and frown marks, forming lines between the ears which continue down the back of the neck, ideally breaking into elongated spots, along the spine. As the spinal lines reach the rear haunches, they meld together to form a dorsal stripe, which continues along the top of the tail to its tip. The tail is heavily banded and has a dark tip. The cheeks are barred with “mascara” lines; the first starts at the outer corner of the eye and continues along the contour of the cheek, with a second line, which starts at the centre of the cheek and curves upwards, almost meeting below the base of the ear. On the upper chest, there are one or more broken necklaces. The shoulder markings are a transition between stripes and spots. The upper front legs are heavily barred but do not necessarily match. Spotting pattern on each side of the torso need not match. Haunches and upper hind legs to be a transition between stripes and spots, breaking into bars on the lower leg. Underside of body to have “vest buttons” spots; dark in colour against the correspondingly pale ground colour.

Remarks: Amber cast to eye colour is acceptable only in young adults up to one and a half years.

Faults: Unbroken necklaces; pencillings in spotting pattern on torso; solid stripes on underside of body instead of “vest button” spots. Amber cast in eye colour in cats over the age of one and 1/2 years.

Withhold

Challenge: ~

Disqualify: Blue eyes. Lack of spots. White locket or button distinctive from other acceptable white-coloured areas in colour sections of standard.

SILVER EGYPTIAN MAU (*MAU ns24*)

Coat: Pale silver ground colour across the head, shoulders, outer legs, back, and tail. Underside fades to a brilliant pale silver. All markings charcoal colour with a white to pale silver undercoat, showing good contrast against lighter ground colours. Back of ears greyish-pink and tipped in black. Nose, lips and eyes outlined in black. Upper throat area, chin, and around nostrils pale clear silver, appearing white.

Nose Leather: Brick red.

Paw Pads: Black with black between the toes and extending beyond the paws of the hind legs.

BRONZE EGYPTIAN MAU (*MAU n 24*)

Coat: Warm bronze ground colour across head, shoulders, outer legs, back, and tail, being darkest on the saddle and lightening to a tawny-buff on the sides. Underside fades to a creamy ivory. All markings dark brown-black with a warm brown undercoat, showing good contrast against the lighter ground colour. Back of ears tawny-pink and tipped in dark brown-black. Nose,

lips, and eyes outlined in dark brown, with bridge of nose brown. Upper throat area, chin, and around nostrils pale creamy white.

Nose Leather: Brick red.

Paw Pads: Black or dark brown, with same colour between toes and extending beyond the paws of the hind legs.

SMOKE EGYPTIAN MAU (*MAU ns*)

Coat: Pale silver ground colour across head, shoulders, legs, tail, and underside, with all hairs to be tipped in black. All markings jet black with a white to pale silver undercoat, with sufficient contrast against ground colour for pattern to be plainly visible. Nose, lips and eyes outlined in jet black. Upper throat area, chin, and around nostrils lightest in colour.

Nose Leather: Black

Paw Pads: Black with black between the toes and extending beyond the paws of the hind legs. Whiskers black.

BREEDERS NOTES

Allowable outcross: none