

## **TOYGER [TOY]** (Standard Source: TICA 2018)

### **General**

The Toyger is a designer cat: a loving, glittered, medium sized shorthair active cat reminiscent of the big cats in pattern, type, confidence and movement. Thus, companionability traits, such as, but not limited to, dependable, quiet temperament; laid-back personality, intelligent and easily trained and handled; good athletic ability; stately movement; excellent health and longevity are all important and desirable and must be considered an integral part of the breed profile, breeding program and genetic makeup of the Toyger.

**Head:** Medium-sized. Long, broad and deep. Side view: half hexagon as defined by angle change points of chin, nose, forehead and back skull. All contours well-defined, muscular and rounded. Muzzle is medium length to long and deep with well-defined, rounded muscular contours. When viewed from front face is long inverted heart shape from forehead to rounded whisker pads. Nose is long, and rounded, widening toward end to at least as wide as the space between the eyes. Greater nose leather width is preferred, depth is shallow. In profile the biplaner angle change above the eyes. A slightly concave nose line acceptable. Chin is very strong, deep, wide. Bite must be correct (even). Neck is long and muscular.

**Ears:** Small preferred. Rounded, set as much on the side as on the top. Thickly furred temples and ears preferred. Lynx tipping undesirable.

**Eyes:** Small to medium, circular with gentle hooding of upper inside. Set back into face, and on slight bias toward base of ear.

**Body:** Medium to deep, long and muscular with rolling contours; strong and robust but not blocky. Strength is in the forequarters. Shoulders may interrupt top line. Chest is broad and deep, never interrupting neckline from head to foreleg. Very large, dense, robust; never delicate boning. Very muscular and athletic looking, especially in young males.

**Legs and Feet:** Medium length such that the space between the ground and the body is equal to the depth of the torso. Legs as long in back as in front. Long toed, well knuckled feet seem large.

**Tail:** Very long and muscular with blunt, rounded tip; rope-like. Set and carried low.

**Coat:** Coat is short except: markings may be slightly but uniformly longer than ground coloured fur on body for a sculpted effect. Longer temple and jowl ruff fur is preferred. Fur is thick, luxurious and unusually soft, plush but resilient. Some glitter required. The more the better without undue loss of contrast or whited ground.

*For colour and patterns recognised refer to the descriptions below.*

**Remarks:** Females may be somewhat smaller and less muscular than males and may exhibit no head ruff.

Well-muscled males may lack shoulder to neck definition.

Kittens may be somewhat longer coated, and rather uncoordinated.

**Faults:** ~

**Withhold**

**Challenge:** ~

**Disqualify:** Improper mouth alignment.

## SCALE OF POINTS

Head:	<i>including shape (2) muzzle (6) chin (6) nose (4) profile (4) neck (1)</i>	23 points
Ears:		6 points
Eyes:		6 points
Body:	<i>including torso (4) musculature (6), and boning (7)</i>	17 points
Legs and Feet:		4 points
Tail:		4 points
Coat:	<i>texture and length</i>	5 points
Colour:	<i>and pattern (20)</i>	35 points
Condition:		~ points

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**100 points**

## COLOURS AND PATTERNS RECOGNISED

### General Description

**Eye Colour:** Rich deep color preferred.

**Coat Colour:** Brown Tabby only.

Tabby markings shall be virtually black to brown or even tan. Very dark markings on a richly colored rufused ground is preferred. Markings uniformly dark from tip of hair to skin are preferred. Mouse colored undercoat is acceptable. Whited ground color shall be as uniformly light to as white as possible and appears as per pattern requirements below.

Contrast: All colors next to each other should be as different in value as possible. The visibly noticeable difference in color and value between two coat colors should be great or high between the tabby markings and the background color, and high between the dorsal orange background ground color and ventral whited background ground color, and high between the dark ear color and the lighter "thumb print," and high between the whited ground color of parts of the face and its modified tabby markings.

**Coat Pattern:** Modified Mackerel Tabby only.

The contrast of markings to ground pattern must be extreme and distinct; giving a clear, sharply edged pattern.

Ground pattern: A modified dorsal (upper and outer), colored ground with a ventral (inner and under) whited ground as described and excepted below. Edges of ground areas should be distinct with contrast.

Body stripes shall generally be vertically aligned with encircling markings on neck, legs and tail. Bold, braided, nonuniform stripes including stretched rosettes are preferred. Some stretched spots are acceptable. Belly and inside of legs must be marked. Whited ground shall include ventral areas of belly, underside of base of tail, insides of legs, and chest. Spillage or wrap of whited ground onto lower sides, backs of legs and sides of chest for a greater amount of visibility is desirable.

Facial stripes and markings shall be circularly aligned around the face. Preference shall be given to forehead butterfly markings and to encircling jowl markings. Traditional tabby markings moving radially away from the face for any distance are undesirable. Whited ground areas shall include throat, chin, outer parts of jowls and cheeks, and lower part of whisker pads as well as areas around and over eyes, spilling upward onto temples and forehead. Black mascara, lipstick and whisker spot markings and white spectacles are desirable.

Ears have dark backs, with a lighter to virtually white "thumb mark" desirable.

Paw pads and tail tip must be black.

**Remarks:** Kittens may be less refused. Color may vary somewhat in intensity seasonally.

**Faults:** ~

**Withhold**

**Challenge:** Blue eyes.

Ticked fur that obscures markings. Belly or chest not marked. Tail tip not black.

**Disqualify:** ~

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### **BREEDERS NOTES**

*Allowable outcross: None. DNA testing required for the Longhair gene.*