

## **OCICAT [OCI] (Standard Source: CFA 1995)**

### **General**

The Ocicat is a medium to medium-large well spotted agouti 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 found in many colours with darker spots appearing on a lighter background. Each hair (except on the tip of the tail) has several bands of colour. It is where these bands fall together that a thumbprint shaped spot is formed. This powerful, athletic, yet graceful spotted cat is particularly noted for its "wild" appearance.

**Head:** The skull is a modified wedge showing a slight curve from muzzle to cheek, with a visible, but gentle, rise from the bridge of the nose to the brow. The muzzle is broad and well defined with a suggestion of squareness and in profile shows good length. The chin is strong and the jaw firm with a proper bite. The moderate whisker pinch is not too severe. The head is carried gracefully on an arching neck.

**Ears:** Alert, moderately large, and set so as to corner the upper outside dimensions of the head. If an imaginary horizontal line is drawn across the brow, the ears should be set at a 45-degree angle i.e. neither too high nor too low. When they occur, ear tufts extending vertically from the tips of the ears are a bonus.

**Eyes:** Large, almond shaped, and angling slightly upwards toward the ears with more than the length of an eye between the eyes.

**Body:** Medium to medium large, although females are generally smaller than males. May also have a surprising weight for its size. Solid, rather long-bodied, with depth and fullness but never coarse. Substantial bone and muscle development, yet with an athletic appearance. There should be some depth of chest with ribs slightly sprung, the back is level to slightly higher in the rear, and the flank reasonably level.

**Legs & Feet:** Legs should be of good substance and well-muscled, medium long, powerful and in good proportion to the body. Feet should be oval and compact with size in proportion to legs.

**Tail:** Fairly long, medium slim with only a slight taper.

**Coat:** Short, smooth and satiny in texture with a lustrous sheen. Tight, close-lying and sleek, yet long enough to accommodate the necessary bands of colour. There should be no suggestion of woolliness.

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

**Remarks:** Preference is given to the athletic, powerful, and lithe, and objection taken to the bulky or coarse. An allowance is made for jowls on mature males.

**Faults:** ~

**Withhold**

**Challenge:** ~

**Disqualify:** Kinked or otherwise deformed tail.

## SCALE OF POINTS

Head:	<i>including skull (5) muzzle (10)</i>	15 points
Ears:		5 points
Eyes:	<i>shape (5)</i>	5 points
Body:	<i>size (5) torso (10)</i>	15 points
Legs and Feet:		5 points
Tail:		5 points
Coat:	<i>including texture</i>	5 points
Colour:	<i>including eye (5), coat (5), contrast (10), pattern (25)</i>	45 points
Condition:		~ points

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**100 points**

## COLOURS AND PATTERNS RECOGNISED

### General Description:

**Eye Colour:** All eye colours except blue are allowed. There is no correspondence between eye colour and coat colour. Depth of colour is preferred.

**Coat Colour:** Only as listed below.

All colours should be clear and pleasing. The lightest colour is usually found on the face around the eyes, and on the chin and lower jaw. The darkest colour is found on the tip of the tail.

**Contrast:** Is scored separately. Distinctive markings should be clearly seen from any orientation. Those on the face, legs and tail may be darker than those on the torso. Ground colour may be darker on the saddle and lighter on the underside, chin and lower jaw. Penalties should be given if spotting is faint or blurred, though it must be remembered that pale colours will show less contrast than darker ones.

**Coat Pattern:** **Spotted** only.

All hairs except the tip of the tail are banded. Within the markings, hairs are tipped with a darker colour, while hairs in the ground colour are tipped with a lighter colour.

There is an intricate tabby "M" on the forehead, with markings extending up over the head between the ears and 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, thumbprint-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 bull's eye. The belly is also well spotted. The eyes are rimmed with the darkest colour and surrounded by the lightest colour.

**Remarks:**

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**Faults:**

Elongated spots following a mackerel pattern.

**Withhold**

**Challenge:**

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**Disqualify:**

White locket or spotting, or white anywhere other than around eyes, nostrils, chin, and upper throat (except white agouti ground in silvered colours). Blue eyes. Due to the tortie tabby cats resulting from the sex-linked O gene, no reds, creams, or tortie tabbies are allowed. Very rufous cinnamons and fawns may resemble red or cream, but never produce female tortie tabbies.

**TAWNY (BROWN SPOTTED  
TABBY) (OCI n 24)**

**Coat Colour:** Black or dark brown spotting on a ruddy or bronze agouti ground.

**Nose Leather:** Brick red rimmed with black.

**Paw Pads:** Black or seal.

**BLUE (OCI a 24)**

**Coat Colour:** Blue spotting on a pale blue or buff agouti ground.

**Nose Leather:** Blue rimmed with dark blue.

**Paw Pads:** Blue.

**CHOCOLATE (OCI b 24)**

**Coat Colour:** Chocolate spotting on a warm ivory agouti ground.

**Nose Leather:** Pink rimmed chocolate.

**Paw Pads:** Chocolate-pink.

**LILAC (OCI c 24)**

**Coat Colour:** Lavender spotting on a pale buff or ivory agouti ground.

**Nose Leather:** Pink rimmed with dark lavender.

**Paw Pads:** Lavender-pink.

**CINNAMON (OCI o 24)**

**Coat Colour:** Cinnamon spotting on a warm ivory agouti ground.

**Nose Leather:** Pink rimmed with cinnamon.

**Paw Pads:** Pink or rose.

**FAWN (OCI p 24)**

**Coat Colour:** Fawn spotting on a pale ivory agouti ground. Spotting any shade of fawn allowed.

**Nose Leather:** Pink rimmed with fawn.

**Paw Pads:** Pink.

**BLACK SILVER (OCI ns 24)**

**Coat Colour:** Black spotting on a pale silver/white ground.

**Nose Leather:** Brick red rimmed with black.

**Paw Pads:** Black.

**BLUE SILVER (OCI as 24)**

**Coat Colour:** Blue spotting on a silver/white ground.

**Nose leather:** Blue rimmed with dark blue.

**Paw Pads:** Blue.

**CHOCOLATE SILVER (OCI bs 24)**

**Coat Colour:** Chocolate spotting on a silver/white ground.

**Nose Leather:** Pink rimmed with chocolate.

**Paw Pads:** Chocolate-pink.

**LILAC SILVER (OCI cs 24)**

**Coat Colour:** Lavender spotting on a silver/white ground.

**Nose Leather:** Pink rimmed with dark lavender.

**Paw Pads:** Lavender-pink.

**CINNAMON SILVER (OCI os 24)**

**Coat Colour:** Cinnamon spotting on a silver/white ground.

**Nose Leather:** Pink rimmed with cinnamon.

**Paw Pads:** Pink or rose.

**FAWN SILVER (OCI ps 24)**

**Coat Colour:** Fawn spotting on a silver/white ground. Spotting any shade of fawn allowed.

**Nose Leather:** Pink rimmed with fawn.

**Paw Pads:** Pink.

**AOV CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN AND COLOURS**

Provisional (no challenges)

As for other Ocicats but replacing "spotting" with "classic pattern"

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**BREEDERS NOTES**

*Allowable outcross: Abyssinian (including silver) for kittens born before 31/12/2030.*

*Classic Tabby Pattern are classed as Any Other Variety [AOV] may be used in Ocicat breeding programs.*

*Can only be shown in assessment classes (i) Adults no challenge. (ii) Kittens can also be shown as part of complete litter.*