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## The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. 2012 BREED COUNCIL POLL

### AMERICAN SHORTHAIR

Breed Council Secretary: Carol Johnson, DVM, PhD – Newbury Park, CA

Total Members: 47

Ballots Received: 35

**1. PROPOSED:** Accept **TICKED TABBY PATTERN** for championship competition.

These color descriptions are to be changed and also move BLUE SILVER TABBY, BLUE SILVER PATCHED TABBY and CREAM CAMEO TABBY to the color description sections as noted, with the other TABBY and PATCHED TABBY colors.

**CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN:** markings dense, clearly defined, and broad. Legs evenly barred with bracelets coming up to meet the body markings. Tail evenly ringed. Several unbroken necklaces on neck and upper chest, the more the better. Frown marks on forehead form an intricate letter “M.” Unbroken line runs back from outer corner of eye. Swirls on cheeks. Vertical lines over back of head extend to shoulder markings which are in the shape of a butterfly with both upper and lower wings distinctly outlined and marked with dots inside outline. Back markings consist of a vertical line down the spine from butterfly to tail with a vertical stripe paralleling it on each side, the three stripes well separated by stripes of the ground color. Large solid blotch on each side to be encircled by one or more unbroken rings. Side markings should be the same on both sides. Double vertical rows of buttons on chest and stomach. Hocks: to be the same color as markings.

**MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN:** markings dense, clearly defined, and all narrow pencillings. Legs evenly barred with narrow bracelets coming up to meet the body markings. Tail barred. Necklaces on neck and chest distinct, like so many chains. Head barred with an “M” on the forehead. Unbroken lines running back from the eyes. Lines running down the head to meet the shoulders. Spine lines run together to form a narrow saddle. Narrow pencillings run around body. Hocks: to be the same color as markings.

**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 and mackerel. When viewed from above, the body does not have distinct spots, strips or blotches, except for

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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.

**PATCHED TABBY PATTERN:** a patched tabby (torbie) is an established silver, brown, or blue tabby with patches of red and/or cream.

**BROWN PATCHED TABBY** (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color brilliant coppery brown with ~~classic or mackerel~~ tabby markings of dense black with patches of red and/or cream clearly defined on both body and extremities; a blaze of red and/or cream on face is desirable. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

**BLUE PATCHED TABBY** (classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color, including lips and chin, pale bluish ivory with ~~classic or mackerel~~ tabby markings of very deep blue affording a good contrast with ground color. Patches of cream clearly defined on both body and extremities; a blaze of cream on the face is desirable. Warm fawn overtones or patina over the whole. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

**SILVER PATCHED TABBY** (classic, mackerel or ticked): undercoat white, ground color, including lips and chin, pale silver with ~~classic or mackerel~~ tabby markings of dense black with patches of red and/or cream clearly defined on both body and extremities. A blaze of red and/or cream on the face is desirable. **Eye color:** brilliant gold, green or hazel.

**BLUE SILVER PATCHED TABBY** (Pewter Patched Tabby) (classic, mackerel or ticked): undercoat white, ground color, including lips and chin, pale, clear bluish silver with classic or mackerel tabby markings of deep blue with patches of cream clearly defined on both body and extremities. A blaze of cream on the face is desirable. **Eye color:** green or hazel.

**SILVER TABBY** (classic, mackerel, or ticked): ground color, including lips and chin, pale, clear silver. Markings dense black. The silver tabby genetically is a shaded cat expressing the agouti pattern, therefore the undercoat should be white. **Nose leather:** brick red. **Eye color:** green to hazel; green preferred.

**RED TABBY** (classic, mackerel, or ticked): ground color red. Markings deep rich red. Lips and chin to match the color around the eyes. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** brick red. **Paw pads:** black or brown. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

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

**BLUE TABBY** (classic, mackerel, or ticked): 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. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

**BLUE SILVER TABBY** (Pewter Tabby) (classic, mackerel or ticked): undercoat white, ground color, including lips and chin, pale, clear bluish silver. Markings sound blue. **Nose leather:** blue or old rose trimmed with blue. **Paw pads:** blue. **Eye color:** green or hazel.

**CREAM TABBY** (classic, mackerel, or ticked): 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. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

**CAMEO TABBY** (classic, mackerel, or ticked): ground color off-white. Markings red. The cameo tabby genetically is a shaded cat expressing the agouti pattern, therefore the undercoat should be white. **Nose leather and Paw pads:** rose. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

**CREAM CAMEO TABBY** (Dilute Cameo) (classic, mackerel or ticked): Undercoat white, ground color off white. Markings cream. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

**TABBY AND WHITE** (including vans)\*: white with colored portions, the colored portions conform to the currently established tabby classes; mackerel, and classic, or ticked. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. An inverted “V” blaze is desirable.

**SILVER TABBY AND WHITE** (classic, mackerel, or ticked): white with portions of silver tabby **Eye color:** brilliant gold, green or hazel.

**SILVER PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE** (classic, mackerel, or ticked): white with portions of silver patched tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold, green or hazel.

**CAMEO TABBY AND WHITE** (classic, mackerel, or ticked): white with portions of cameo tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

**BROWN TABBY AND WHITE** (classic, mackerel, or ticked) white with portions of brown tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

**BROWN PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE** (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of brown patched tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

**BLUE TABBY AND WHITE** (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of blue tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

**BLUE PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE** (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of blue patched tabby and white. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

**RED TABBY AND WHITE:** (classic, mackerel or ticked) white with portions of red tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

**CREAM TABBY AND WHITE** (classic, mackerel or ticked): white with portions of cream tabby. **Eye color:** brilliant gold.

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

**American Shorthair Color Class Numbers**

<b>Blue-Eyed White</b> .....	0700	0701
<b>Gold-Eyed White</b> .....	0702	0703
<b>Odd-Eyed White</b> .....	0704	0705
<b>Blue</b> .....	0706	0707
<b>Black</b> .....	0708	0709
<b>Red</b> .....	0710	0711
<b>Cream</b> .....	0714	0715
<b>Chinchilla Silver</b> .....	0730	0731
<b>Shaded Silver</b> .....	0732	0733
<b>Black Smoke</b> .....	0734	0735
<b>Blue Smoke</b> .....	0738	0739
<b>Silver Tabby</b> .....	0736	0737
<b>Silver Mackerel Tabby</b> .....	0736M	0737M
<b>Silver Patched Tabby (torbie)</b> .....	--	0785
<i>(classic, mackerel)</i>		
<b>Blue-Silver Tabby</b> .....	7068	7069
<i>(classic, mackerel)</i>		
<b>Blue-Silver Patched Tabby</b> .....	--	7037
<i>(classic, mackerel)</i>		
<b>Red Tabby</b> .....	0740	0741
<b>Red Mackerel Tabby</b> .....	0740M	0741M
<b>Brown Tabby</b> .....	0744	0745
<b>Brown Mackerel Tabby</b> .....	0744M	0745M
<b>Brown Patched Tabby (torbie)</b> .....	--	0787
<i>(classic, mackerel)</i>		
<b>Blue Tabby</b> .....	0752	0753
<b>Blue Mackerel Tabby</b> .....	0752M	0753M
<b>Blue Patched Tabby (torbie)</b> .....	--	0789
<i>(classic, mackerel)</i>		
<b>Cream Tabby</b> .....	0754	0755
<b>Cream Mackerel Tabby</b> .....	0754M	0755M
<b>Shell Cameo</b> .....	0760	0761
<b>Shaded Cameo</b> .....	0762	0763
<b>Smoke Cameo</b> .....	0764	0765
<b>Tortoiseshell Smoke</b> .....	--	0725
<b>Cameo Tabby</b> .....	0766	0767
<b>Cameo Mackerel Tabby</b> .....	0766M	0767M
<b>Cream Cameo Tabby</b> .....	7066	7067
<i>(classic, mackerel)</i>		

<b><u>Ticked Tabby/Ticked Tabby and White</u></b> (including vans) .....	TBD	TBD
<i>(Silver, Brown, Blue, Red, Cream, Blue Silver, Cameo, Cream Cameo ticked tabby colors, including patched patterns and ticked tabby with white)</i>		
<b>Tabby &amp; White</b> (including Vans).....	7072	7073
<i>(Silver, Brown, Blue, Red, Cameo, Cream [all tabby colors in <del>either</del> mackerel <del>and</del> or classic and, where applicable, patched patterns])</i>		
<b>Smoke &amp; White</b> (including Vans) .....	7024	7025
<i>(Black Smoke &amp; White, Blue Smoke &amp; White, Tortoiseshell Smoke &amp; White, Shell Cameo &amp; White, Shaded Cameo &amp; White, Smoke Cameo &amp; White)</i>		
<b>Dilute Shaded</b> .....	0728	0729
<i>(Blue Chinchilla Silver, Blue Shaded Silver, Cream Shell Cameo, Cream Shaded Cameo, Blue Cream Smoke)</i>		
<b>Bi-Color and Van Bi-Color</b> .....	0770	0771
<i>(Red &amp; White, Blue &amp; White, Cream &amp; White, Black &amp; White)</i>		
<b>Tortoiseshell</b> .....	--	0747
<b>Calico and Van Calico</b> .....	--	0749
<i>Calico (White with Black &amp; Red) or Dilute Calico and Van Dilute Calico (White with Blue &amp; Cream)</i>		
<b>Blue-Cream</b> .....	--	0751
<b>Shaded Parti-Color</b> .....	--	0723
<i>(Chinchilla Tortoiseshell, Shaded Tortoiseshell, Dilute Chinchilla Tortoiseshell, Dilute Shaded Tortoiseshell)</i>		
<b>AOV</b> .....	0798	0799

**RATIONALE:** Ticked tabby is an accepted pattern in the American Shorthair breed. Ticked tabbies are produced when shaded American Shorthairs are crossed with classic or mackerel tabbies. Shaded silver cats were once common (still ranks 3rd in numbers in American Shorthair color classes) but today are a rare color. Accepting ticked tabbies in championship may allow this rare color class to be saved.

Ticked tabbies would retain all the same color combinations as classic or mackerel tabby – only the pattern would be different. Ticked tabby and ticked tabby & white cats would be shown in their own color class and would not compete with classic or mackerel tabbies for color points wins.

**IF STANDARD CHANGE (fails)**

Votes: 35

60% of Voting: 21

**IF REGISTRATION ISSUE (passes)**

Votes: 35

50% of Voting: 18

YES: 18

NO: 17

ABSTAIN: 0