

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
2013 BREED COUNCIL POLL

[NOTE: "No action taken" indicates that a breed standard proposal did not meet or exceed a 60% favorable vote from the voting members (i.e., no rounding down).]

AMERICAN SHORTHAIR

Breed Council Secretary: Bob Zenda – Sierra Vista, AZ

Total Members: 48

Ballots Received: 25

1. Should **TICKED TABBY PATTERN** American Shorthairs be advanced to championship status in all tabby, and tabby and white colors currently recognized for championship competition? This would create a single competitive color class for ticked tabbies in all the tabby pattern colors currently recognized for championship, and add the ticked tabby pattern to all colors in the existing tabby and white color class.

PROPOSED: that the following Ticked Tabby pattern/color description be **ADDED** to the AMERICAN SHORTHAIR COLORS section of the Breed Standard, and "**ticked**" be added to all Tabby Color descriptions (note: for housekeeping purposes, blue silver tabby, blue silver patched tabby and cream cameo tabby are moved to appear with the other tabby descriptions):

Current:

BLUE SILVER TABBY (Pewter Tabby): 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.

BLUE SILVER PATCHED TABBY (Pewter Patched Tabby): 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.

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

SMOKE AND WHITE (including vans): ...

BLACK SMOKE AND WHITE: ...

BLUE SMOKE AND WHITE: ...

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE AND WHITE: ...

SHELL CAMEO AND WHITE: ...

SHADED CAMEO AND WHITE: ...

SMOKE CAMEO AND WHITE: ...

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: ...

MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN: ...

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: ground color brilliant coppery brown with classic or mackerel 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: 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: 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.

SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel): 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. **Paw pads:** black. **Eye color:** green to hazel; green preferred.

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

BROWN TABBY (classic, mackerel): 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): 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.

CREAM TABBY (classic, mackerel): 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): 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.

TABBY AND WHITE (including vans)*: white with colored portions, the colored portions conform to the currently established tabby classes; classic and mackerel. 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): white with portions of silver tabby **Eye color:** brilliant gold, green or hazel.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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American Shorthair Color Class Numbers

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Cream Cameo Tabby	7066	7067
(classic, mackerel)		
Tabby & White (including Vans).....	7072	7073

(Silver, Brown, Blue, Red, Cameo, Cream [all tabby colors in either mackerel and classic and, where applicable, patched patterns])

Smoke & White (including Vans)	7024	7025
<i>(Black Smoke & White, Blue Smoke & White, Tortoiseshell Smoke & White, Shell Cameo & White, Shaded Cameo & White, Smoke Cameo & White)</i>		
Dilute Shaded	0728	0729
<i>(Blue Chinchilla Silver, Blue Shaded Silver, Cream Shell Cameo, Cream Shaded Cameo, Blue Cream Smoke)</i>		
Bi-Color and Van Bi-Color	0770	0771
<i>(Red & White, Blue & White, Cream & White, Black & White)</i>		
Tortoiseshell	--	0747
Calico and Van Calico	--	0749
<i>(White with Black & Red) or Dilute Calico and Van Dilute Calico (White with Blue & Cream)</i>		
Blue-Cream	--	0751
Shaded Parti-Color	--	0723
<i>(Chinchilla Tortoiseshell, Shaded Tortoiseshell, Dilute Chinchilla Tortoiseshell, Dilute Shaded Tortoiseshell)</i>		
AOV	0798	0799

Proposed:

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SMOKE AND WHITE (including vans): ...

BLACK SMOKE AND WHITE: ...

BLUE SMOKE AND WHITE: ...

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE AND WHITE: ...

SHELL CAMEO AND WHITE: ...

SHADED CAMEO AND WHITE: ...

SMOKE CAMEO AND WHITE: ...

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: ...

MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN: ...

TICKED TABBY PATTERN: overall appearance is a cat without obvious markings on the body and with 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. Marking colors (stripes), ground colors and eye colors are the same as for the classic and mackerel tabby patterns. When viewed from above, the body is free from obvious spots, stripes or blotches, except for darker dorsal shading. The lighter underside may show tabby markings. Cat must have at least one distinct necklace. Hocks are the same color as the tabby marking color.

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BROWN PATCHED TABBY(classic, mackerel or ticked): ground color brilliant coppery brown with classic, ~~or~~ mackerel or ticked 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.

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SILVER PATCHED TABBY(classic, mackerel or ticked): undercoat white, ground color, including lips and chin, pale silver with classic, ~~or~~ mackerel or ticked 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.

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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.

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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.

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

<i>Calico (White with Black & Red) or Dilute Calico and Van Dilute Calico (White with Blue & Cream)</i>		
Blue-Cream	--	0751
Shaded Parti-Color	--	0723
<i>(Chinchilla Tortoiseshell, Shaded Tortoiseshell, Dilute Chinchilla Tortoiseshell, Dilute Shaded Tortoiseshell)</i>		
AOV	0798	0799

RATIONALE: This is a naturally occurring AOV pattern in the ASH breed. Ticked tabbies have been in the gene pool since the first shaded domestic shorthairs were shown in 1917, and are sometimes incorrectly exhibited in the championship classes as shaded cats. Ticked tabbies can occur when a shaded ASH is bred to a classic or mackerel tabby to improve genetic diversity (health) or to improve type. The resulting kittens have features of both parents – striping on the head, neck, legs and tail from the tabby parent and no striping on the body from the shaded parent. The breeders working with shaded cats would like to work with colors of ticked tabbies currently produced when breeding shaded cats to other tabbies or solids, but for which there are no championship color classes.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 23

60% of Voting: 14

YES: 14

NO: 9

ABSTAIN: 2

2. Should the “& White” color classes be **EXPANDED** to include all colors of American Shorthairs recognized for championship?

PROPOSED: that the following **Shaded & White** color description be **ADDED** to the existing colors of the American Shorthair Breed Standard:

Current:

CREAM TABBY AND WHITE: ...

TORTOISESHELL: ...

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American Shorthair Color Class Numbers

...		
Bi-Color and Van Bi-Color	0770	0771
<i>(Red & White, Blue & White, Cream & White, Black & White)</i>		

Proposed:

CREAM TABBY AND WHITE: ...

SHADED SILVER & WHITE: white with portions of Shaded Silver. **Eye color:** green.

CHINCHILLA SILVER & WHITE: white with portions of Chinchilla Silver. **Eye color:** green.

SHADED CALICO & WHITE: white with portions of Shaded Calico. **Eye color:** green or brilliant gold.

DILUTE SHADED CALICO & WHITE: white with portions of Dilute Shaded Calico. **Eye color:** green or brilliant gold.

BLUE SHADED SILVER & WHITE: white with portions of Blue Shaded Silver. **Eye color:** green or brilliant gold.

TORTOISESHELL: ...

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American Shorthair Color Class Numbers

...

Bi-Color and Van Bi-Color0770 0771
(Red & White, Blue & White, Cream & White, Black & White, Shaded Silver & White, Chinchilla Silver & White, Shaded Calico & White, Dilute Shaded Calico & White, Blue Shaded Silver & White)

RATIONALE: This is essentially a housekeeping issue. When the “Bi-Color” and “& White” color classes were added to the American Shorthair Breed Standard, some of the existing colors were inadvertently omitted, notably the Shaded & White color spectrum. These color combinations do occur naturally when “& White” cats are used in a breeding program and should have the opportunity to compete in the championship classes.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 23

60% of Voting: 14

YES: 18

NO: 5

ABSTAIN: 2

3. Should “adult cats with incorrect eye color” be **ADDED** to the Penalize section of the American Shorthair Standard?

Current:

PENALIZE: excessive cobbiness or ranginess. Very short tail.

Proposed:

PENALIZE: excessive cobbiness or ranginess. Very short tail. Adult cats with incorrect eye color.

RATIONALE: Our standards include definitive descriptions of required (*not desired*) eye color for each accepted color. Too often we are hearing the argument “it is only 5 points” – suggesting that eye color is not important enough to be seriously considered in the judging ring. The correct eye color is a result of selective breeding to produce cats exhibiting all of the demanding requirements of our Breed Standard. Variations can and do occur when cats with differing coat or eye colors are introduced and produce cats with other than the required eye color. While there is no question that these cats may be valuable in breeding programs, they should not be rewarded on the show bench.

STANDARD CHANGE (fails)

Votes: 22

60% of Voting: 14

YES: 7

NO: 15

ABSTAIN: 3