



# AMERICAN SHORTHAIR

Originally known as the Domestic Shorthair, with more and more breeders taking an interest in the breed, it was renamed the American Shorthair in 1966.

The general effect is that of a strongly built, well balanced, and symmetrical breed. Females may be less massive in all respects and are to be rewarded equally if overall balance is correct.

## I – BODY/CONFORMATION (35)

(20) BODY – Ranges from medium to large. Slightly longer than overall height, Solidly built, powerful and muscular with well-developed shoulders, chest and hindquarters. Broad, straight level back.

(5) NECK – Medium, muscular and strong.

(5) LEGS AND FEET – Medium in length, medium boned. Straight legs. Paws firm, full and rounded with heavy pads.

(5) TAIL – Length: when measured along the body the tip reaches the shoulder blades. Thick at base tapering to blunt end.

## II – HEAD TYPE (30)

(10) FULL FACE – Large with full cheeks. Slightly longer than wide. Sweet open expression. Muzzle squared. Strong jaw. When viewed from front, there is no dome between ears.

(10) PROFILE – Nose medium length. Gentle concave curve from bridge of nose of forehead.

(5) EARS – Medium in size slightly rounded at tips and not unduly opened at base. Set on corner of square.

(5) EYES – Large, wide set with width of one eye between the eyes. Set oblique. Shape : almond on top, round on bottom. Bright, clear and alert.

## III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (10)

Short, thick, lustrous, hard in texture and even length.

## IV – COLOUR (20)

(15) COAT COLOUR – All colour and pattern are accepted. The deeper and vibrant the colour, the better.

(5) EYE COLOUR – Ranges from copper to green (except blue or odd eyed in whites). Eye colour does not relate to coat colour.

## V – CONDITION & BALANCE (5)

Hard and muscular giving a general appearance of power and robustness.

## WITHHOLDS

- Long or fluffy fur
- Deep nose break
- Bulging eye set
- Brow ridge
- Any features so exaggerated as to foster weakness
- All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

## RECOGNIZED COLOURS

All colour and pattern are accepted.

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**BREED ORIGIN:** Natural

**REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:** F1 allowed if crossed with American Wirehair

**SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:** F2 allowed

**ALLOWED ANCESTRY:** American Shorthair, American Wirehair

**ALLOWED MATINGS:** American Shorthair, American Wirehair

## OBJECTIONS

- Too cobby
- Very short tail
- Obesity or emaciation

## DEDUCT

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