

# Discover the Chausie

## “The Cat That Came From the Reeds”



Black Grizzled Ticked Tabby



Brown Ticked Tabby

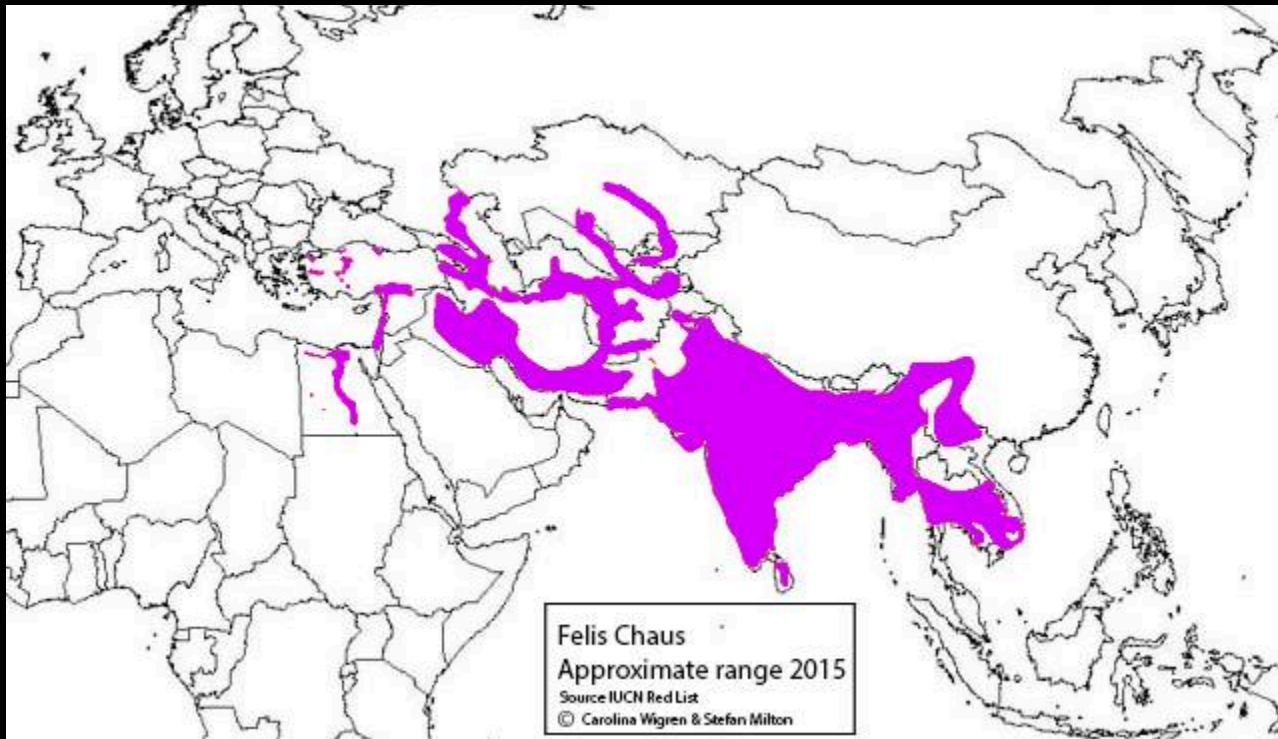
# Chausie Ancestry

The Jungle Cat , in some instances, can be traced back to the early ancient Egyptians where the first record of the Jungle Cat was found. Occasional mummified Jungle Cats were discovered in Egyptian tombs and some say that the modern statues of the goddess Bastet were modeled after Jungle Cats and we can certainly see the resemblance in her long slender body, svelte appearance, and large ears!

Occasionally, members of *Felis chaus* mated with domestic cats. From North Africa to India to Southeast Asia, there were reports dating back centuries of cats that seem to have been *Felis chaus* hybrids.

The name breed name, Chausie, is derived from the Latin name for the Jungle Cat, *Felis chaus*. The Jungle cat is a distinct species, with 9 subspecies

Jungle Cats have been referred to as Reedcat in some instances, most likely stemming from their living in marshy reeds and waterways.



The approximate range of the Jungle Cat is found from the Nile Valley north to Turkey and the Caspian Sea, and east through South Asia as far as Vietnam.



Jungle Cats are exotic wild animals which require, in most areas, special permits along with special diets, proper housing and a commitment for the lifetime of the animal.

The Chausie Breed Committee does not recommend Jungle Cats or any wild animals as house pets which is why we strive to recreate the elegant beauty of the Jungle Cat in the domestic Chausie

# Summary of Chausie Breed Seminar

We will cover:

- ▣ Photos of cats while in breed development
- ▣ General description
- ▣ Distribution of points
- ▣ Features, allowances, penalties
- ▣ Show photos
- ▣ Personality Traits



We hope this seminar accomplishes the following objectives:

- ▣ Describe and use the TICA standard
- ▣ Recognize excellent examples of the breed

We ask that you help us by asking questions as they arise.





Photos of Chausies  
During Breed Development

## *General Description*

- The Chausie should resemble its non-domestic ancestor, *Felis Chaus*. Accordingly, the Chausie is a tall, long-legged, lean and supple cat. It is built for running and jumping over water, reed beds, and other obstacle-filled terrain. Like a basketball player or an Olympic long jumper, the Chausie is ectomorphic, with musculature and lanky body low on bulk, built with the limberness and reach for a long stride and lightening pounce. The breed has a deep chest for lung capacity, but flat sides for light weight and flexibility. Like *Felis Chaus*, Chausies have large, upright preferably tufted ears, a long forehead and muzzle and a slightly short tail. The eyes are flattened above and rounded below, above exotically slanting high, cheekbones. Temperament is predominantly domestic. Chausies are good-natured, loyal, highly intelligent and trainable. They are active, curious playful cats that require stimulation and company.

The Chausie is even more striking in motion. The Jungle Cat, which the Chausie closely resembles, is built for hunting, running, and jumping. The Chausie is all slinkiness and loose-limbed, lanky grace.





# Chausie - *Distribution of Points*

## Head (40)

Shape 7

Ears 7

Profile 6

Eyes 5

Nose 5

Chin 4

Muzzle 4

Neck 2

## Body (40)

Torso 10

Legs 8

Boning 7

Musculature 7

Feet 4

Tail 4

## Coat/Color (20)

Pattern 8

Color 7

Texture 5

# Chausie – *Head Shape*

## Shape – 7 points:

Modified wedge, medium in width from frontal view. High, angular, long cheekbones create a change of direction at the muzzle. The long muzzle balances the cheekbones and ends in smooth, full contours, a full chin and puffy nose leather.



Jungle Cat



Chausie



# Chausie - *Ears*



Female Chausie Kitten



Female Chausie Adult



Male Chausie Kitten

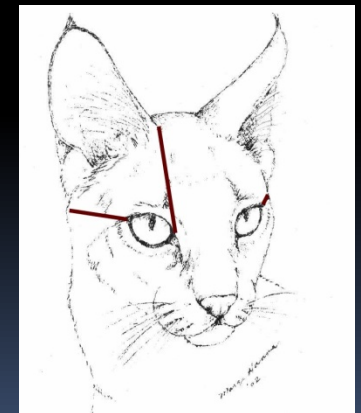


Female Chausie Adult

## Ears – 7 points:

Tall, large ears are set at a slight outward angle on top of the head, about two fingers apart between the inside bases.

The ears are fairly wide all the way up with rounded ear tips. Ear tufts preferred, lack of tufts not a penalty



Artist Drawing

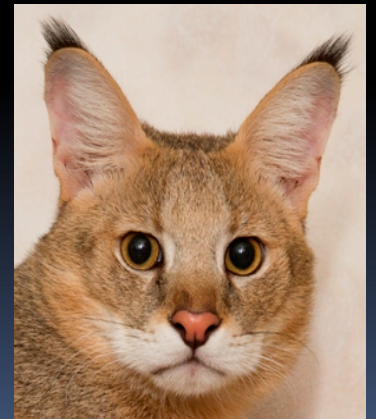
# Chausie - Eyes



## Eyes - 5 points:

Medium to slightly small in size. Bottom is a half oval that slants toward the outer base of the ear. Top is markedly flattened, horizontal half oval.

Gold or yellow eye color preferred, hazel to light green allowed.



Jungle Cat

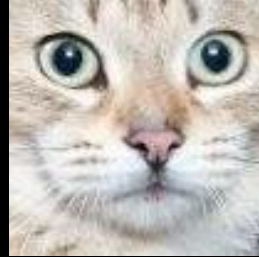


# *Chausie - Nose, Muzzle & Chin*

## Nose – 5 points:

Medium to wide, slightly broader between the eyes.

Nose leather is convex and full.



## Muzzle – 4 points:

Long to balance the cheekbones, ending in full slightly rounded contours, full chin and puffy nose leather.



Chausie



## Chin – 4 points :

Full, both in profile and frontal view and of medium depth.



Jungle Cat

# Chausie - *Profile*

## Profile – 6 points:

Long, sloping forehead ends in a gradual, slight convex bend over the eyebrows. Just above the eyes, the profile descends in a gentle concave curve to below the eyes. The nose rises near it's end to form a slight bump above the convex nose leather.



Chausie



Jungle Cat



# *Chausie - Neck*

Neck – 2 points:

The neck is of medium  
length and thickness



# *Chausie Body - Torso*

## Torso – 10 points:

Long, lean, flat sided and deep chested. The large rectangular body is firm, but not broad or bulky.





# *Chausie Body – Legs, Feet & Tail*

Legs – 8 points:

Long with medium boning.

Feet – 4 points:

The feet are medium in size and oval in shape.

Tail 4 points:

Slightly short, medium width, with slight taper and fully articulated



# Chausie Body – Musculature/Boning

Musculature – 7 points:

Long and lean rather than bulky.

Boning – 7 points:

Long legs with medium boning that compliment a deep chested torso of medium width.



# *Chausie Coat - Texture*

## Length:

Short to medium, with enough length to accommodate at least two bands of ticking. Not open

## Texture – 5 points:

A dense soft undercoat with a somewhat coarser outer coat. Solid black may feel softer. Black grizzled cats may feel coarser in proportion to the amount of grizzling present.





# *Chausie Coat – Color & Pattern*

Color – 7 points:

Pattern – 8 points:

## Brown ticked tabby:

Mouse gray color next to the skin with sandy gray to reddish-gold base coat. The coat will have two or three bands of dark ticking. Tabby barring is preferred on the tail, upper inside front legs and to the hock on the back legs.



Jungle Cat

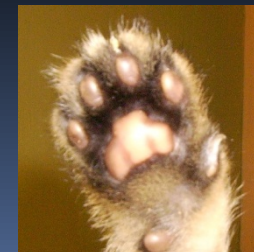
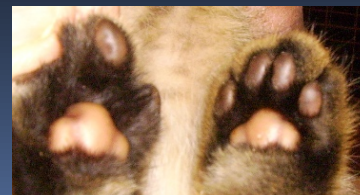




# *Chausie Coat – Color & Pattern*

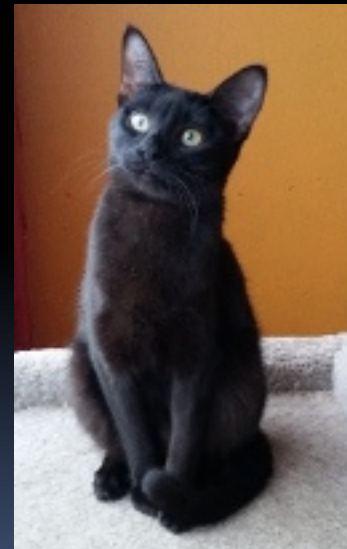
The neck may or may not have necklaces. The backs of the ears will have thumbprint markings of a lighter color. Off white color should outline the eyes and muzzle. The underside will range in color from off-white to sandy-gold. Some flecking or speckling may occur on the stomach

The nose leather is brick with a dark outline. Paw pads may be black, black with rosy tones, pink or any combination of these. Allow for faint tabby markings on the body of kittens up to one year old.



# Chausie Coat – Color & Pattern

Black: Solid black.



# Chausie Coat - Color & Pattern

## Black Grizzled Ticked Tabby:

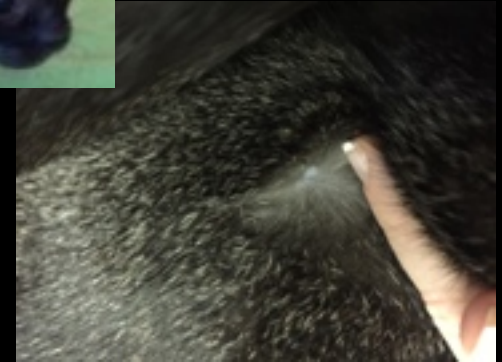
A pattern acquired from the breed's Jungle Cat (*Felis chaus*) ancestors. The pattern is a dominant trait that may possibly be caused by a mutation at the agouti locus or extension locus. The hair shaft is banded with lighter coloration at the skin (akin to mouse coat) alternating dark and lighter bands of ticking and ending with a dark tip. Nose leather is always solid black. Paw pads may be black, black with rosy tones, pink or any combination of these. Allow for minimal grizzling on kittens.



6 weeks



4 months



Jungle Cat



Adult

# Chausie - Allowance

The tail may range from 3/4 to full-length, with slightly shorter than normal length tail being the preference.

Larger size and slightly heavier boning on males. Jowls on males that pull the ears a little lower than otherwise desirable.



Jungle Cat



Chausie



# Chausie - Penalize

In tabbies, a lack of tabby markings on legs and tail.



# Chausie - Disqualify (DQ)

Tail too short, resulting from a mutated gene (MX/PB/ABT/ABS). Tail kinked or lacking flexibility

White lockets.



# Our History in TICA



The Chausie was given foundation registry status in The International Cat Association (TICA) in 1995. The breed worked it's way through the New Breed Class from May 2001 – April 2013.

Since May 1, 2013 the Chausie has been shown as a Championship breed in TICA.



# Chausies at Shows





# Personality Traits



The Chausie (pronounced chow-see) is a highly active and athletic cat. Chausies are almost constantly in motion while interacting with their humans. Chausies are good natured affectionate cats that love to play and tend to develop a deep bond with their owners. This playful demeanor often lasts into adulthood making these cats intriguing companions. Sociable in nature, Chausies love to play fetch and will often walk on a leash. Due to their intelligence, Chausies need stimulation and interaction with their owners, otherwise they may not do well if left alone for long periods of time. If you want a couch potato this breed is not for you!



luxurycats.com.ua

