

# OCICAT Breed Seminar

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## Ocicat History

A breeder in Michigan, Virginia Daly, was working to create an Abyssinian “pointed” Siamese. In that quest she created the first Ocicat kitten.

The first kitten reminded Mrs. Dalys’ daughter of a wild cat called the Ocelot and she named the new breed Ocicat. As Mrs. Dalys’ new focus drew more participation from other breeders the American Shorthair was added to the Abyssinian x Siamese breeding. This addition brought more broadness to the body and introduced the Silver gene.

# OCICAT Head

60% of the total Standard points are allotted to Head and Body while 40% is allotted to coat/color/pattern.



A modified wedge, with a slight curve from muzzle to cheek. Well-defined muzzle, **suggestion of squareness**. We do not want a perfectly square or match box muzzle.

The chin is strong and the jaw firm with the proper bite.  
An allowance is made for stud jowls in adult males.

# Profile

Visible but gently rise from bridge of nose to brow.

Nose bumps are not addressed in our Standard but are acceptable.



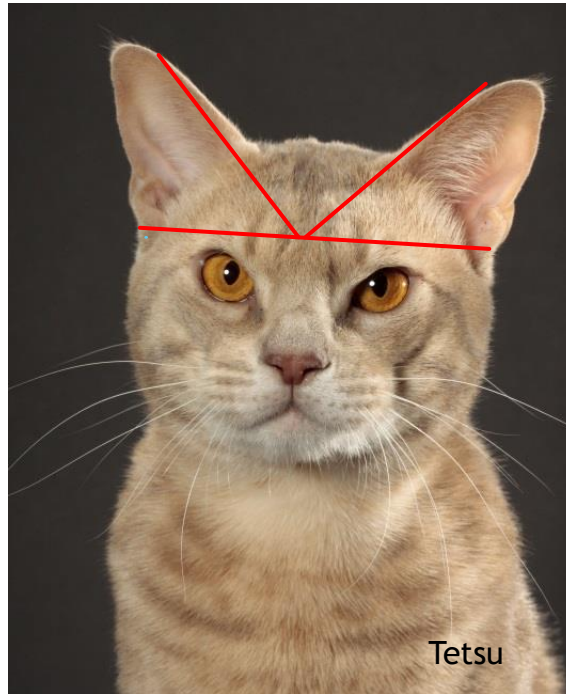
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# Ears

Moderately large. Set so as to corner the head, Lynx tips are a bonus when present.



If an imaginary horizontal line is drawn across the brow, the ears should be set at 45 degree angle, i.e. neither too high nor too low.



# Eyes

Large, Almond shaped. Angled slightly upward toward the ears with more than the length of an eye apart.

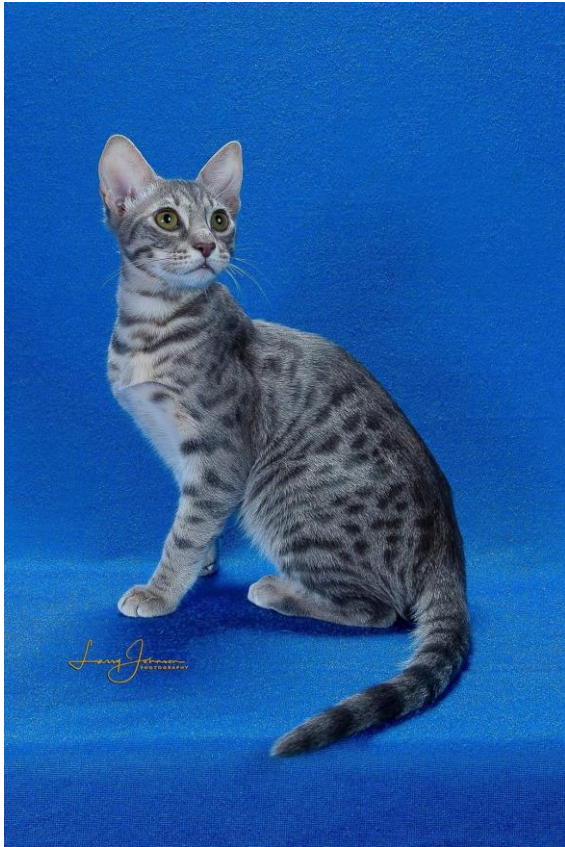


# Eye Color

All eye colors except Blue are allowed.

No relationship between coat and eye color.

**Depth of eye color is preferred.**



# Body

Torso is moderate semi-foreign, with some depth to chest, ribs slightly sprung. Back level to slightly higher in rear. Reasonably level flank.





## Body (continued)

The Ocicat is a large, well-spotted cat of moderate type. Males being larger than females is not addressed in our standard but is acceptable.



Female



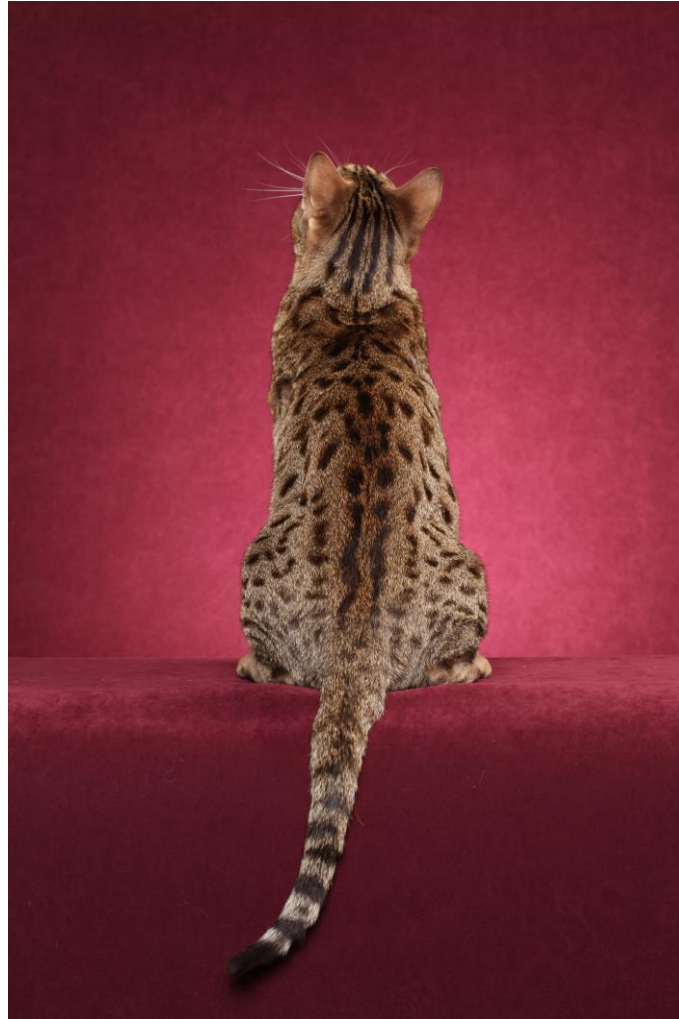
Male

The Ocicat, no matter if male or female displays the look of an athletic animal, well-muscled and solid, graceful and lithe, yet with a fullness of body and chest.

# Legs/Feet/Tail and Coat

The tail has a slight taper, medium slim, fairly long with a dark tip.

**The tail tip is oft times instrumental in determining the true color of an Ocicat.**



# Legs/Feet/Tail and Coat (continued)

The legs are medium long, in good proportion to the body. Good substance and well-muscled.

The feet are oval, compact and in proportion to the legs.



COAT: LENGTH should be long enough to carry several bands of ticking.

TEXTURE should be fine, thick, tight, close-lying.

# Pattern

There is an intricate Tabby “M” on the forehead, with markings extending up over the head, between the ears breaking into small spots on the lower neck and shoulders.



**Dilute colors will show less contrast than darker ones.**

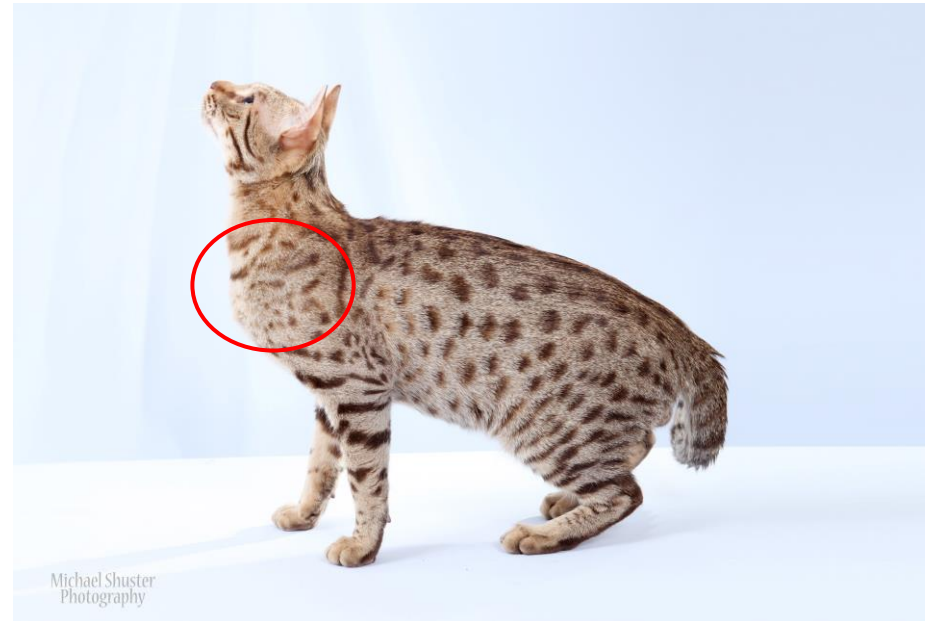


## Pattern (continued)

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.

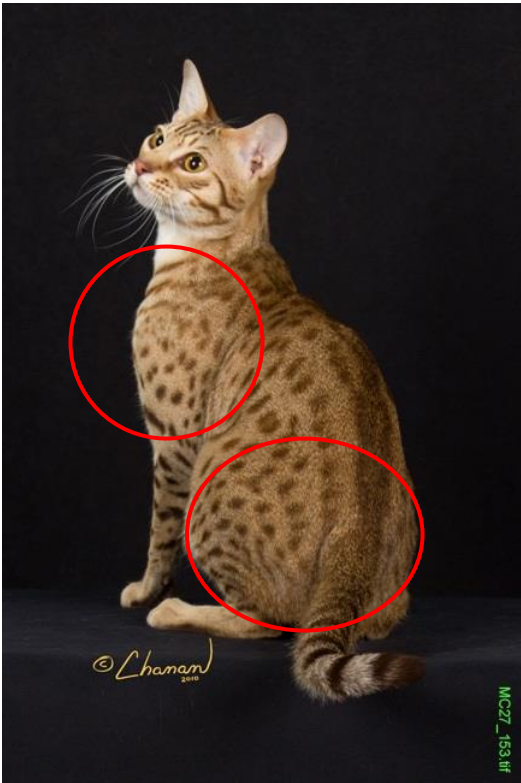


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## Pattern (continued)

Spots are scattered across the shoulders and hind quarters, extending as far possible down the legs.



There are broken bracelets on the lower legs and broken necklaces at the throat, the more broken the better.

## Pattern (continued)

Large, well-scattered thump-print **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 bulls' eye.



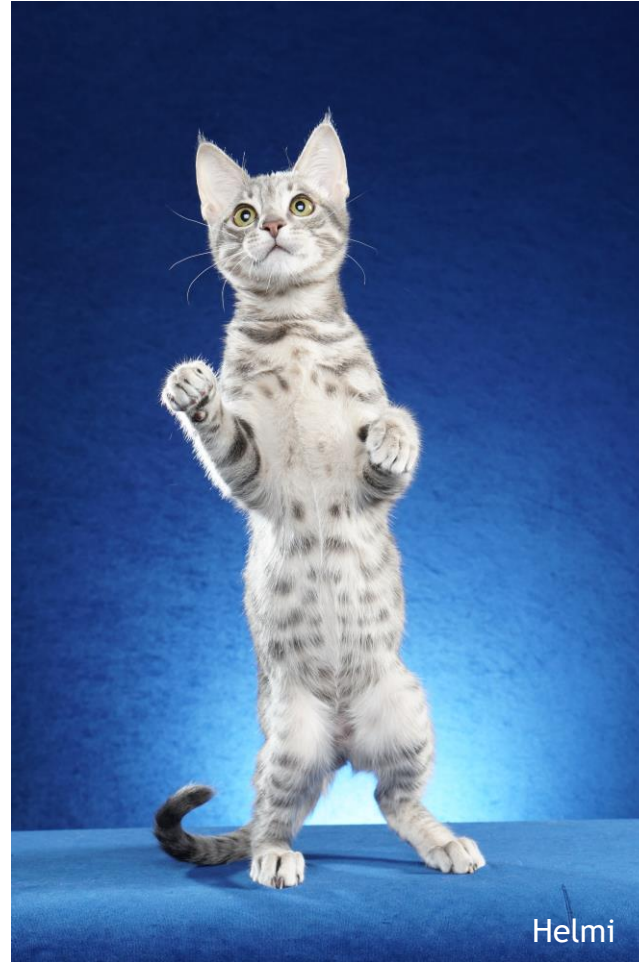


# Pattern (continued)

The belly is also well spotted.



Male Adult



Male Kitten



## Pattern (continued)

The eyes are rimmed by the darkest color and surrounded by the lightest color.



Chocolate Spotted



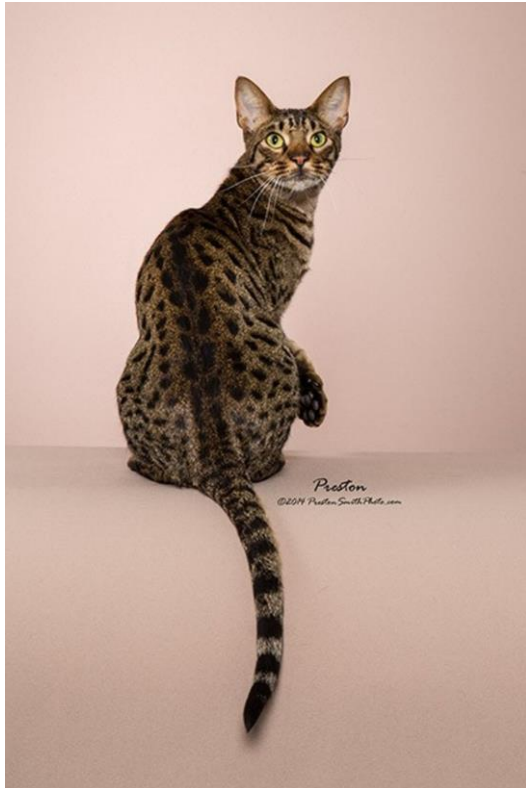
Blue Spotted

# Colors

## TAWNY

*Each of colors have a wide range of shading within.*

Spotted Pattern ONLY ~ Eumelanistic colors ONLY



Our Standard does not give a preference for shade.  
It states the color should be clear.

## Colors (continued)

### CHOCOLATE

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# Colors

## CINNAMON

*Each of colors have a wide range of shading within.*  
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The Cinnamon color is not to be confused with the sex-linked Red of the ASH.



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# Colors - Dilutes

## BLUE

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# Colors

## LILAC

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# Colors

## FAWN

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# Colors - Silvers

## EBONY SILVER

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# Colors

## CHOCOLATE SILVER

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## BLUE SILVER

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# Withhold All Awards (WW)

- White Locket or White Spotting
- White anywhere other than around the eyes, nostrils, chin and upper throat
- Phaeomelanistic Color

# Thank you for your attention



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