

THE SINGAPURA

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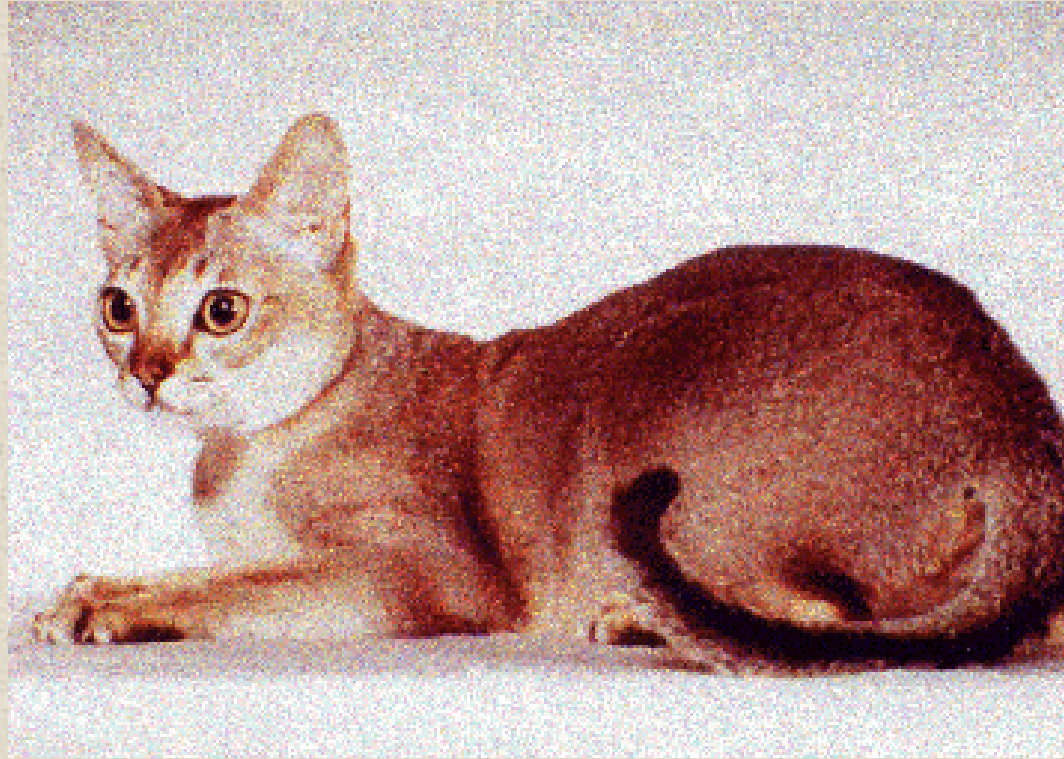


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Dedicated to Tommy Meadow
Originator and Developer of the Singapura Breed
We will miss you Tommy!

Seminar Outline

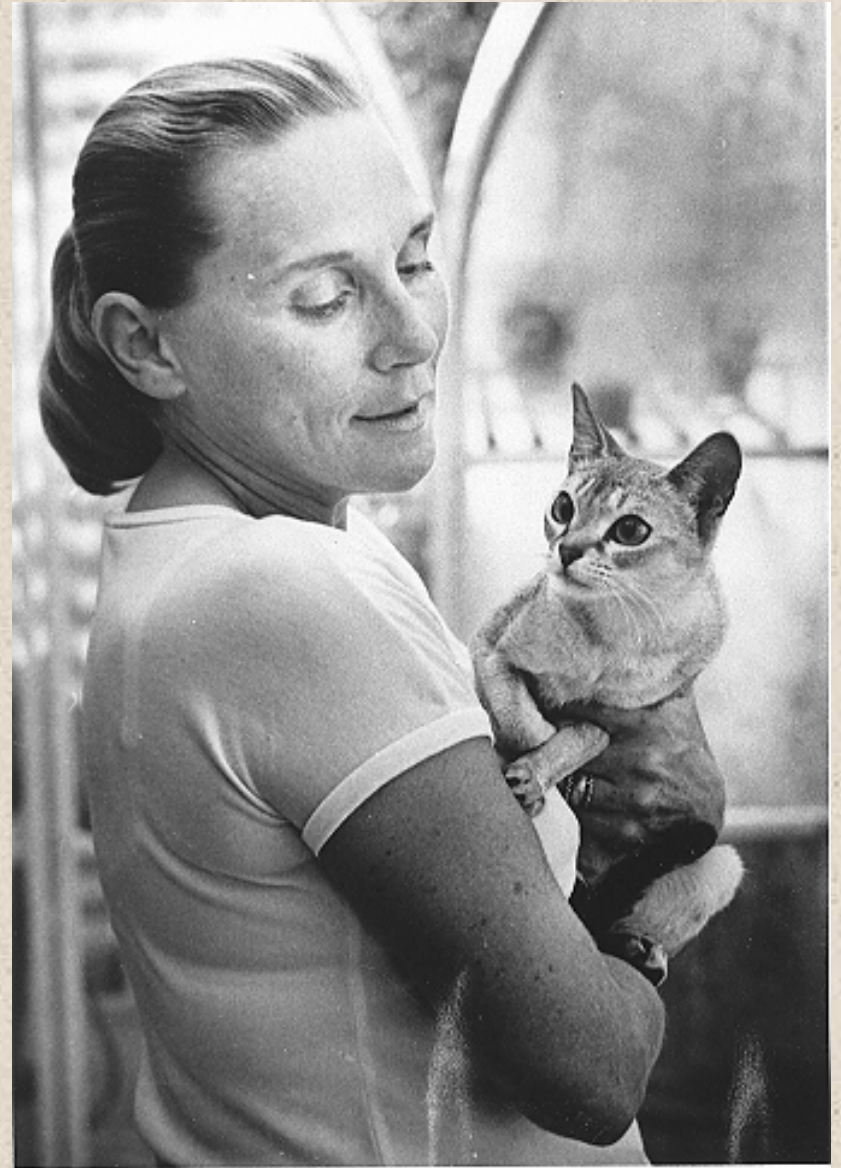
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Singapura History

- Sometimes referred to as the “drain cat of Singapore.”
- Can be traced back to 3 cats discovered by Tommy and Hal Meadow in the early 1970’s in Singapore- a brother and sister newborn, and another female all rescued near the fish docks.
- These were later named Tes, Ticle, and Puss’e.

Tommy and Puss'e - 1978



Singapura History

- They were bred to produce 2 more ticked kittens (George and Gladys), and all 5 were imported to the US in 1975.
- In 1980, another female (Chiko) was imported and the breed flourished.



Chiko - note the tail



Tes

Singapura History

- In 1979, TICA was founded and the Singapura was accepted as a Championship breed immediately.
- TICA was **FIRST** to accept the Singapura for championship competition!!



Singapura Breed Standard

- **HEAD.....40**
 - **Shape** **10***
 - **Ears** **10***
 - **Eyes** **10***
 - **Chin** **2**
 - **Muzzle** **3**
 - **Profile** **3**
 - **Neck** **2**
- *Most important**



1984

****This is a breed which has changed very little from the original cats - which is what we, as breeders, want to preserve.**

Singapura Breed Standard

- **HEAD.....40**
 - **Shape 10***

Skull should be rounded in both directions, not domed, not flat.

High cheekbones - a result of the rapid broadening of the head after the whisker break.

Allowance for jowls in males



Singapura Breed Standard

- **HEAD.....40**
 - **Shape 10***
 - **Ears 10***

Large, with an alert appearance. Wide open at base with a deep cup. This deep cup highly contributes to the large appearance. Ear furnishings should be present.



Line can be drawn from inner corner of eye to 1/2 way up inner ear margin in proper set.

Singapura Breed Standard

Examples of good ear set



Examples of poor ear set



Singapura Breed Standard

- **HEAD.....40**
 - **Shape** **10***
 - **Ears** **10***
 - **Eyes** **10***

Large and in an almond setting.
Neither protruding, nor receding.
Neither rounded nor oriental.
Not less than 1 eye's width
apart. Any shade of green,
brown, or gold allowed, with
brilliance preferred. Eyes should
be outlined with dark liner.



Shape of the eyes helps to give the Singapura its distinctive look.

Singapura Breed Standard



Lower eyelid should start at center, move out horizontally, then curve upwards towards the natural crinkle of the ear. Upper lid should start at center, then move up and out towards inner ear margin, then round horizontally on top and meet the edge of lower lid.



Eyes too round



This kitten also has excellent eye shape

Singapura Breed Standard

Muzzle medium-short and broad. Definite, but not extreme whisker break. Not foxy.



Definite whisker break.

Profile exhibits a short curved rise to the nose, with slight stop below eye level. Neck short and thick.

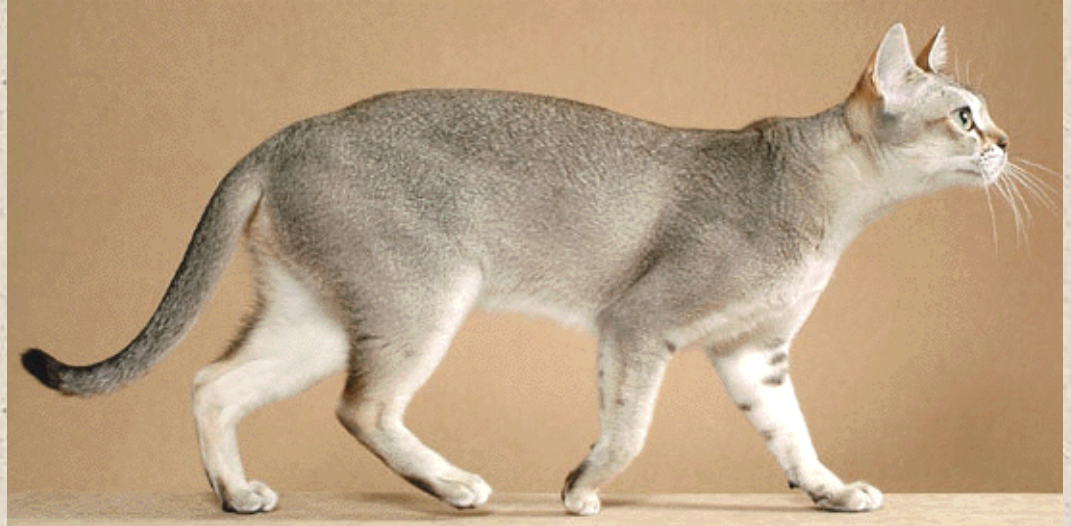


Chin well-developed, but muzzle too long and foxy.

Singapura Breed Standard

- **BODY.....25**

- **Torso** 8
- **Legs** 2
- **Feet** 2
- **Tail** 3
- **Boning** 5
- **Musculature** 5



Torso is medium to small, neither cobby nor rangy. Body, legs, and floor form a square. Back slightly arched. Legs well-muscled at the body, tapering to a fine lower leg with small oval feet. Tail is shorter than torso and slender, with a blunt tip. Muscular, but not fat. Solid to the feel, especially through the neck and chest.

Singapura Breed Standard

- **COAT/COLOR**

- **Length** **5**
- **Texture** **10**
- **Pattern** **10**
- **Color** **10**



Coat is not a painted on coat, but one long enough to carry sufficient bands of ticking. Allowance for slightly longer coat in kittens. Woolliness undesirable. Fine in texture, but not plush or springy.

Singapura Breed Standard

- **COAT/COLOR**

- Length 5
- Texture 10
- **Pattern 10**
- Color 10



Pattern is highly unique. A ticked tabby, with at least 4 alternating bands - outer tip dark, lightest band next to skin. Must exhibit intense contrast. Underside of body unticked. Ticking should give the overall impression of fine sand, not coarse gravel.

Singapura Breed Standard

- **COAT/COLOR**

- Length 5
- Texture 10
- **Pattern 10**
- Color 10



Barring on the inner front legs. A Singapura **MUST** have inner leg barring. What is important is the presence of the barring, not how light or dark it is. Should not have any barring on the outer portion of the front leg. Allowance to be made for slow development of faint barring in immature cats.

Singapura Breed Standard

- **COAT/COLOR**

- Length 5
- Texture 10
- **Pattern 10**
- Color 10

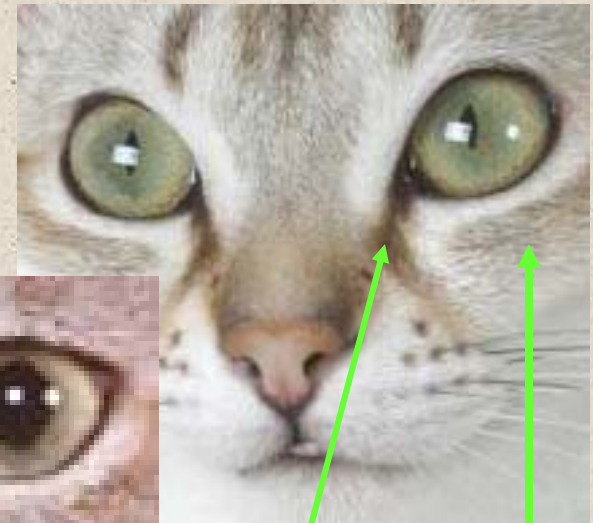
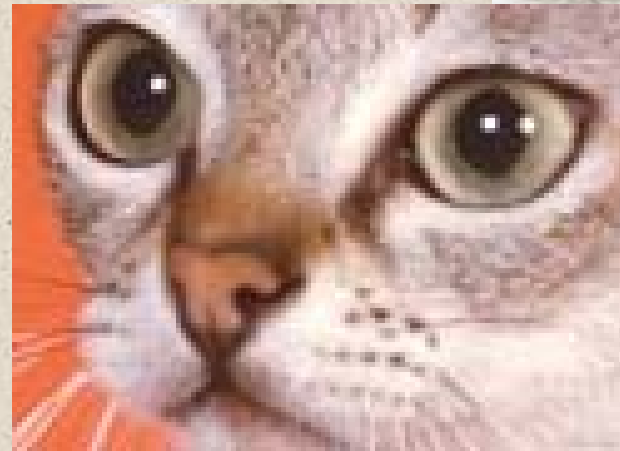


Back knee barring is often difficult to achieve, and lack of them should not be overly penalized - although they are desirable. The above cat has exceptional contrast of rear leg barring, although placed a bit too far back on leg. Typically, one sees slight shadow barring, which may be obscured by ticking over time.

Singapura Breed Standard

- **COAT/COLOR**

- Length 5
- Texture 10
- **Pattern 10**
- Color 10



Cheetah lines

Puma lines

Well-defined facial markings should set off the large eyes. Curved “puma lines” extending from the inside corners of the eyes onto the cheeks are preferred. In addition, cheetah lines extending from the inner corner of the eye, and alongside the nose bridge are also desirable. Breeders hold the complete noseliner in high regard!!

Singapura Breed Standard

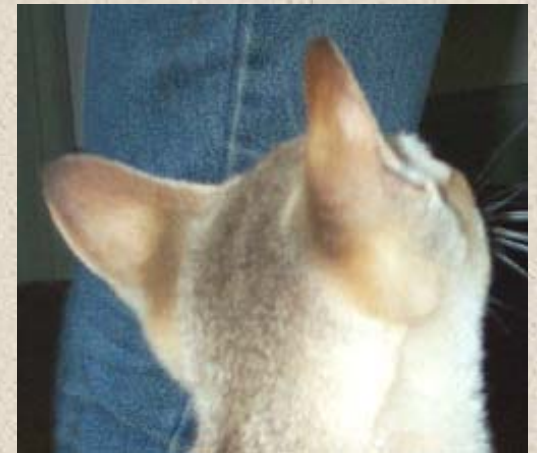
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Genotype: AABBC^bc^bDDT^aT^a

Preferred color effect is of a warm, glowing, richly ticked cat with strongly contrasted markings. Salmon tones to the ears and bridge of nose desirable. Coldness and gray tones are not desirable, but allowance may be made for kittens as warmth improves with age.



Singapura Breed Standard

- **COAT/COLOR**

- Length 5
- Texture 10
- Pattern 10
- **Color 10**



Rich sable ticking only (this is a sepia agouti cat). Ground color a warm old ivory. Muzzle, chin, chest, and stomach the color of unbleached muslin. Stomach to be unmarked. Paw pads dark seal brown with rosy undertones.

Singapura Breed Standard

- Penalize: small ears, small eyes, springy/plush coat, gray tones to color, lack of leg barring, prominent outer front leg barring, dark necklaces, protruding eyes, too short of a muzzle, anything more than a slight indentation as a nose stop, non-visible tail faults.



Dark necklace and pronounced nose-stop



Gray tones to color and muzzle too long



Outer front leg barring

Singapura Breed Standard

- **Withhold:** Unbroken necklaces, circular leg bracelets, barring on tail, white lockets, visibly kinked tail, blue/aqua eyes, unticked top of head, removed ear furnishings. Paw pad or tail tip not consistent with sepia category. Lack of ticking. Undershot/overshot jaw, or any malocclusion of the jaws.



Head too long



Legs too short

The “Growing Up” Singapura



Born solid colored for the most part, with a rich sepia color and white underbelly. This 1 week old already exhibits promising head structure.

Very precocious; Singapura kittens' eyes open by 7-9 days and they are toddling around their new world by 2 weeks.



The “Growing Up” Singapura



By 4 weeks, you begin to try to find ANYTHING that can keep them corralled for more than a few minutes at a time! They are very loving and athletic already.

One can begin to make impressions of head shape (more or less extreme) and ear size (larger or smaller). In addition, faint front leg markings are more and more evident. Singapura kittens are very typically eating solid food and pottying on their own by the age of 4-5 weeks.

The “Growing Up” Singapura



8 weeks

By 8 weeks, nice body proportion is emerging. One can better assess what the ultimate shape of the head will be (curvature and profile) and if the ears will be set correctly. Eyes are still small at this point in many kittens.



9 weeks

Great changes take place at the age of 8-10 weeks. To the left is the same kitten as above-left at 9 weeks - only 1 week later! Eyes are much larger and entire head is much more proportional.

The “Growing Up” Singapura

By 10 weeks, warmth of color is definitely developing, darkness of front leg markings is quite evident, true eye and ear set is more evident, but much more developing is still to come.



The “Growing Up” Singapura

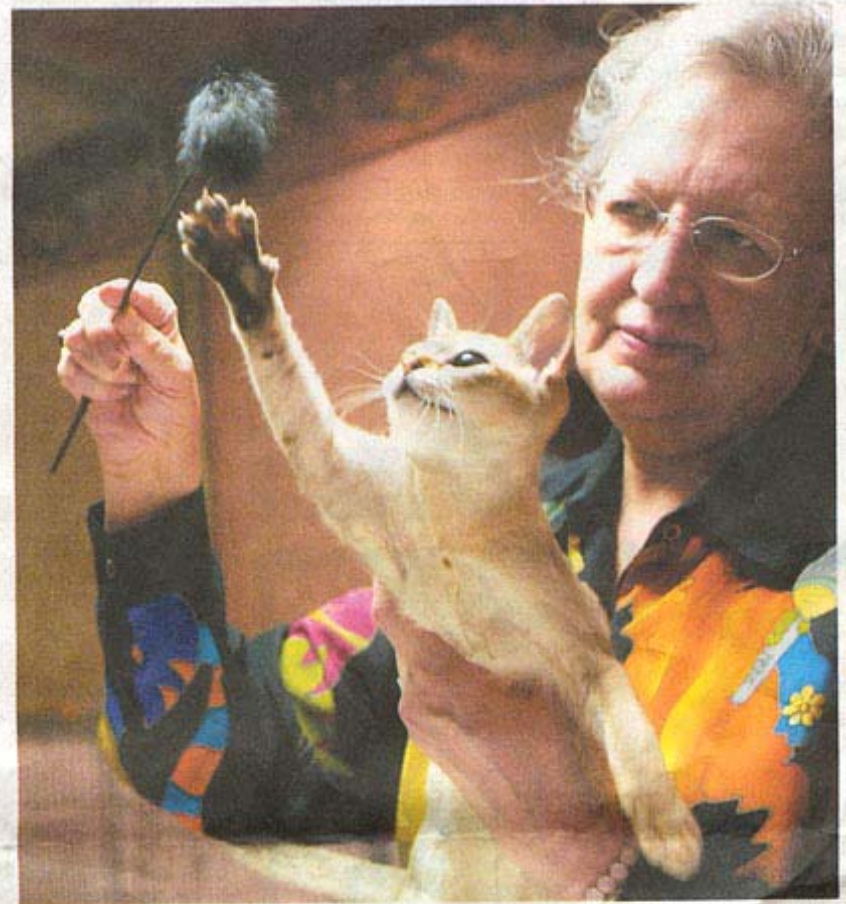
At 12-16 weeks of age, the kitten is in better proportion and exhibits nice contrast in front leg markings. However, there is a tremendous growth spurt that will hit at 6-7 months, and then the kitten will look like a sable ticked cornish rex - but without the curly coat (ha). At 8 months, the kitten will come back into its own. Females will hit another dramatic growth spurt at about 10-11 months of age, and males will do the same at about 11-12 months of age.



Tips For Judging

The best tip for judging a Singapura is to let it show itself off. These are very busy kitties on the judging stand, but this is because they want your affection. You will find that if you simply offer the palm of your hand, they will head-butt their way all around you. To judge the proper head type, it is much more productive to use a teaser to manipulate the head than using your hands. But watch out for flying Singapuras!!

Cats on the prowl



PHOTOS BY AMIKAN WHITE, The Patriot-News
Connie Webb of West Chester judges 5-month-old Minx, who is a Singapura, or a small breed of cat, during the spring cat show yesterday in Fairview Twp. Minx hails from New Jersey and is rated second in the country.

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