

Chausie (CHS)

General

The Chausie is a medium-sized to large cat. She is a "hybrid" cat (Felis chaus x domestic cat) and should resemble the Felis chaus in appearance.

Body

The body is long, lean, rectangular, athletic and deep chested torso with a powerful but flat musculature. The large rectangular body is firm, but not broad or bulky. The ribcage should not be rounded.

The legs are long, with strong musculature and medium boning and the feet are medium in size (in proportion to the body) and oval in shape.

The neck is of medium length and thickness.

Tail

Slightly short (to hock joint, max. 1/3 of the body length), medium width, with slight taper and sufficient joints and fully movable.

Head

The head shape is a modified wedge, medium in width from frontal view. High, angular, broad and 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 (both in profile and frontal view) and of medium depth.

The profile is 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 its end to form a slight bump above the convex and puffy nose leather. The nose is medium to wide, slightly broader between the eyes. Nose leather is convex and full.

Ears

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

The ears are fairly wide all the way up with rounded ear tips. Lynx tips are desired and are preferred.

Eyes

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

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

Coat

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

Short to medium length with enough length to accommodate at least two bands of ticking.

Colour varieties

Black 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.

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 body of kittens up to one year old.

Black - Solid black without white brindlings

Black Grizzled Ticked Tabby - A pattern acquired from the breed's Jungle Cat (*FelisChaus*) 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 solid black, black with rosy tones, pink or any combination of these.

Allow for minimal grizzling in kittens

Faults

In tabbies, a lack of tabby markings on legs or tail, dark green eyes

Faults that exclude the certificate

- straight profile
- tail longer than 1/3 of the bodylength

Disqualification

- tail too short, resulting from a mutated gene (Manx/Pixiebob/American Bobtail)
- tail kinked or lacking flexibility
- white lockets

Permitted outcrosses

Abyssinian, Domestic Shorthair

Scale of points

Body	35 points
Head	25 points
Ears	10 points
Eyes	5 points
Coat, texture and length	10 points
Colour	10 Points
Condition	5 Points