

CFA Judges' Education 2021

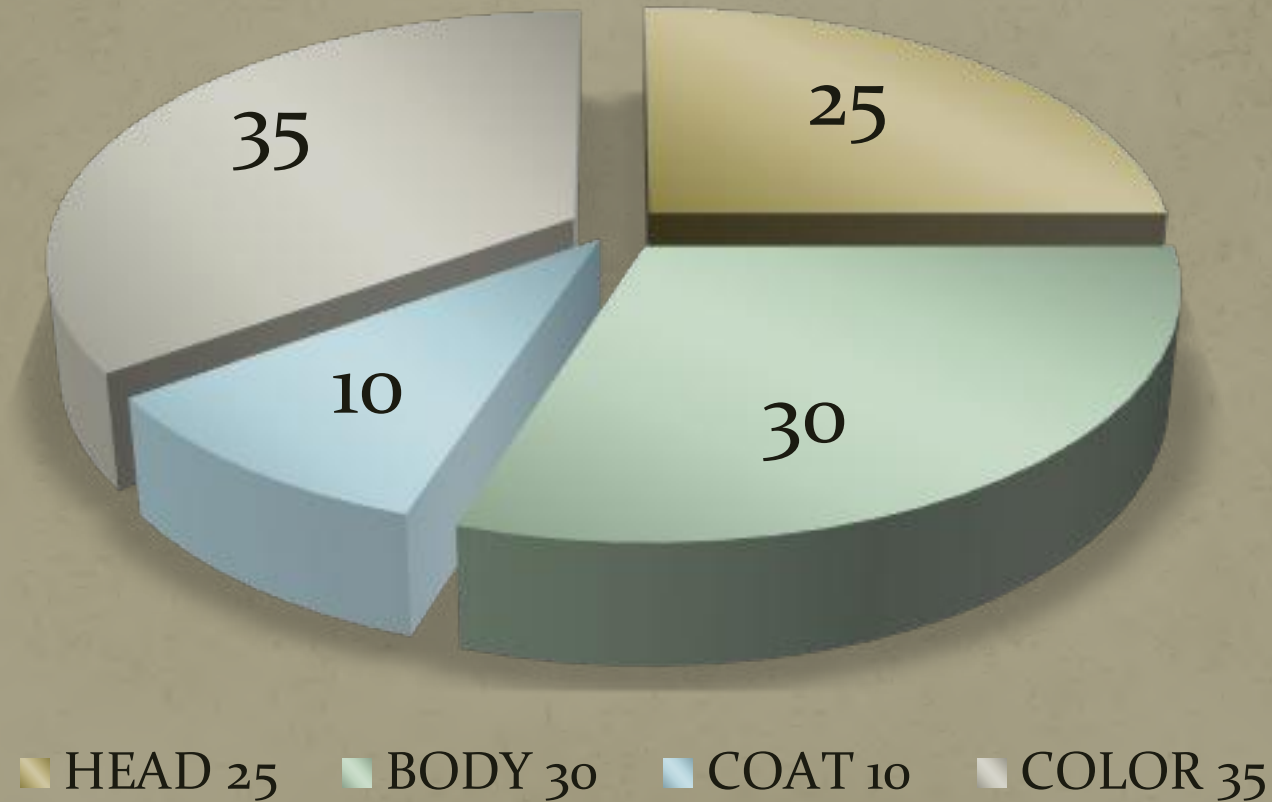
Edward Fry~ Abyssinian BCS



What is the overall impression of the ideal Abyssinian?

- A colorful cat with a distinctly ticked coat, medium in size and regal in appearance
- Lithe, hard and muscular, showing eager activity and a lively interest in all surroundings
- Well balanced physically and temperamentally with all elements of the cat in proportion

Allocation of the points



HEAD ~ 25 points

- Muzzle – 6 pts
- Skull – 6 pts
- Ears – 7 pts
- Eye Shape – 6 pts

BODY ~ 30 points

- Torso – 15 pts
- Legs/Feet – 10 pts
- Tail – 5 pts

COAT ~ 10 points

- Texture – 10 pts
- See Slide 25

COLOR ~ 35 points

- Color – 15 pts
- Ticking – 15 pts
- Eye color – 5 pts
- See Slides 26 & 27

HEAD

- Modified, slightly rounded wedge without flat planes
- The brow, cheek and profile show a gentle contour
- A slight rise from the bridge of the nose to the forehead with width between the ears flowing into an arched neck

HEAD



HEAD - PROFILE



MUZZLE

- Not sharply pointed, nor is it square
- Chin should be in alignment – not protruding nor receding

Watch to make sure that the chin aligns correctly, and that there is no whisker pinch

MUZZLE



EARS

- Alert, Large and Moderately Pointed
- Broad and cupped at the Base
- Set as though listening
- Hair on ear is short and close lying – preferably tipped with black on a ruddy Abyssinian, chocolate-brown on a cinnamon Abyssinian, slate blue on the blue Abyssinian, or light cocoa brown on a fawn Abyssinian.

EARS



EYES

- Almond shaped and large
- Brilliant and expressive
- Neither round, nor oriental
- Accentuated by a fine dark line, encircled by light colored area

EYES



BODY

- Medium long
- Lithe and graceful
- Well developed muscular strength
- The body should not be coarse

BODY

- The Body should strike a happy medium between the extremes of the cobby and svelte body types
- Proportion and balance are more desired than mere size

BODY



LEGS AND FEET

- Proportionately slim and fine boned
- Standing well off the ground – giving the impression of standing on tip toes
- Paws are small, oval and compact
- Toes: 5 on front feet/4 on back feet

LEGS AND FEET



TAIL

- Thick at the Base
- Fairly Long
- Tapering

TAIL



Overall Balance of the Abyssinian



COAT

- Soft, Silky, and Fine in Texture
- Dense and resilient to the touch with a lustrous sheen
- Medium in Length, but long enough to accommodate 2-3 dark bands of ticking

ABYSSINIAN COLOR:

- Coat color: warm and glowing

Note, on any of the four Aby colors, the undercoat color on the back and sides should match the color on the chest and belly.

ABYSSINIAN COLOR: Ticking

- Distinct and even – with dark (tail tip color) colored bands contrasting with undercoat colored bands on the hair shaft.
- Undercoat clear to the skin
- Deeper color shades desired. Intensity of ticking not to be sacrificed for depth of color
- Spine line allowed if fully ticked
- Preference given to cats that are UNMARKED on the undersides, chest, legs and tail without rings

ABYSSINIAN COLOR: Facial Markings

- Dark lines extending from the eyes and brows
- Cheekbone shading
- Dots and shading on whisker pads
- These are all desirable enhancements
- Eyes are accentuated by a fine dark line
- Eyes encircled by light colored area

ABYSSINIAN COLOR: Eye Color

- Eye Color: gold or green – the more richness and depth of color the better

ABYSSINIAN COLOR: RUDDY

- Ruddy Brown (burnt Sienna), ticked with black, the extreme outer tip to be the darkest with an orange-brown undercoat color
- Tail tipped in black
- Nose Leather: Tile Red
- Paw Pads: Black or Brown with black between the toes

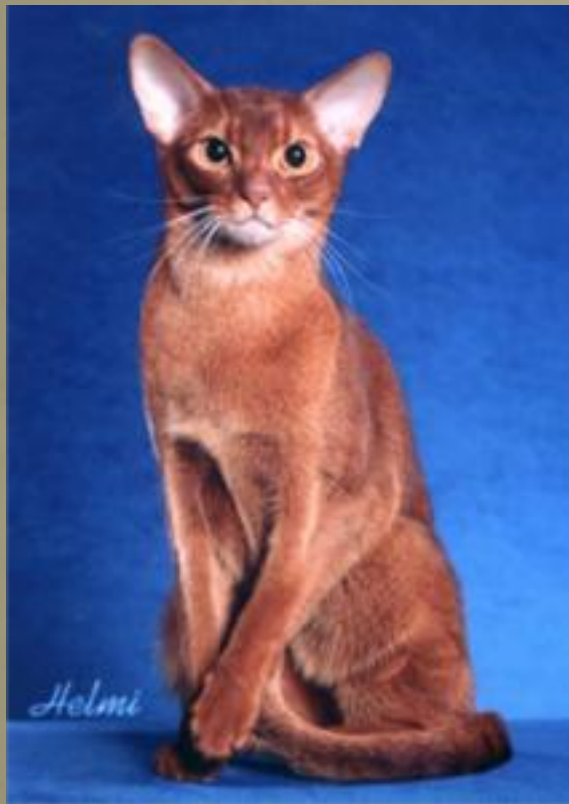
ABYSSINIAN COLOR: RUDDY



ABYSSINIAN COLOR: Cinnamon

- Cinnamon gene (not sex-linked orange gene)
- Rich, warm glowing cinnamon, ticked with chocolate-brown the extreme outer tip to be darkest, with cinnamon - orange undercoat
- Tail tipped in chocolate-brown
- Nose Leather: Rosy Pink
- Paw Pads: Pink with chocolate-brown between the toes

ABYSSINIAN COLOR: Cinnamon



ABYSSINIAN COLOR: BLUE

- Result of the Dilution gene
- Warm beige, ticked with slate blue, the extreme outer tip to be the darkest, with a blush beige undercoat
- Tail tipped in slate Blue
- Nose Leather: Old Rose
- Paw Pads: Mauve with slate blue between the toes

ABYSSINIAN COLOR: BLUE



ABYSSINIAN COLOR: FAWN

- Result of the Dilution gene
- Warm rose-beige, ticked with light cocoa brown, the extreme outer tip to be the darkest
- Tail tipped in light cocoa brown
- Nose Leather: Salmon
- Paw Pads: Pink with light cocoa brown between the toes

ABYSSINIAN COLOR: FAWN



PENALIZE:

- Off-color paw pads
- Long narrow head
- Short round head
- Barring on legs
- Dark broken necklace marking
- Rings on the tail
- Coldness or grey tones in the coat
- White undercoat on the Blues and Fawns

PENALIZE:



DISQUALIFY:

- White locket or white anywhere other than nostril, chin and upper throat area
- Kinked or abnormal tail
- Dark unbroken necklace
- Grey undercoat close to the skin extending throughout a major portion of the body
- Any Black hair on a Cinnamon Abyssinian
- Incorrect number of toes
- Any color other than the four accepted colors

DISQUALIFY:



SOME FINAL THOUGHTS!

- Our Cinnamons are not sex linked, therefore you will not see Tortie and Bluecream Abyssinians
- Cinnamon is the result of one mutation to the Black (B) gene b^l – light brown phase (cinnamon)
- There is no AOV class, as a result Silvers, Chocolates and Lilacs are ineligible for registration and exhibition

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS!

- Remember Abyssinians are fast, if you let go, don't take your eyes off the cat
- Abyssinians are very active and interact very well with feathers and toys
- Do not pin down the Abyssinian onto the table
- It is now known that the T^a gene is an epistatic gene and not an allele to T and t^b

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