

CFA Maine Coon Cat Breed Presentation

Introduction



- Large, long, muscular body that is well-balanced & rectangular in length
- Head slightly longer than it is wide, square muzzle, high cheek-bones, strong chin
- Large, expressive, wide-set eyes that are slightly oval
- Large, well-tufted ears, wide at base
- Heavy, shaggy, silky coat that falls smoothly over the body.
- Long, tapering tail with flowing fur
- Wide-set, substantial legs with large, round, well-tufted feet



Maine Coon Cat - Point Distribution

HEAD (30)

Shape	15
Ears.....	10
Eyes	5

BODY (30)

Shape.....	15
Neck	5
Legs and Feet	5
Tail	5

COAT 20

COLOR (15)

Body color and pattern	15
------------------------------	----

BALANCE 5



Attributes

GENERAL: originally a working cat, the Maine Coon Cat is solid, rugged, and can endure a harsh climate. A distinctive characteristic is its smooth, shaggy coat. A well proportioned and balanced appearance with no part of the cat being exaggerated. Quality should never be sacrificed for size. With an essentially amiable disposition, it has adapted to varied environments.



Wide muzzle, deep chin and high cheekbones

Ears large, wide at base tapering to appear pointed

Heavy Boning



Large, expressive, open oval eyes

Silky shaggy coat, longer on ruff, belly and britches, full tail



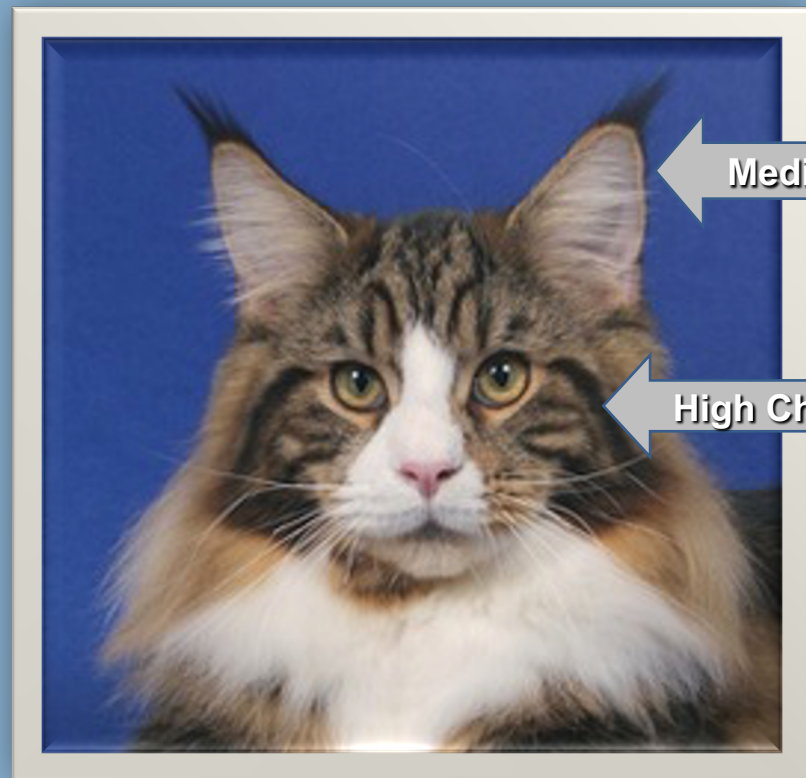
Head Shape (15 points)

HEAD SHAPE: medium in width and slightly longer in length than width with a squareness to the muzzle. Allowance should be made for broadening in older studs. Cheekbones high.



Medium in width and slightly longer in length

Square muzzle, good depth and strong chin



Medium Width

High Cheekbones



Muzzle

MUZZLE/CHIN: is visibly square, medium in length and blunt ended when viewed in profile. It may give the appearance of being a rectangle but should not appear to be tapering or pointed. Length and width of the muzzle should be proportionate to the rest of the head and present a pleasant, balanced appearance.

The chin should be strong, firm and in line with the upper lip and nose. When viewed in profile the chin depth should be observable and give the impression of a square, 90-degree angle. A chin lacking in depth, i.e. one that tapers from the jaw line to the lip, is not considered strong, firm or desirable.



Narrow Muzzle



Square Muzzle



Muzzle (continued)

White or other markings on face can be visually distracting.
Look or feel for actual shape of muzzle



Excellent width of muzzle



Look for actual shape



Good squareness



Profile

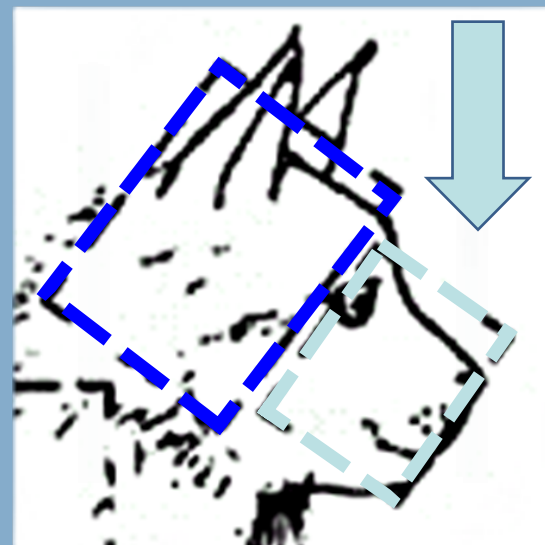
PROFILE: should be proportionate to the overall length of the head and should exhibit a slight concavity when viewed in profile. The profile should be relatively smooth and free of pronounced bumps and or humps. A profile that is straight from the brow line to the tip of the nose is not acceptable, nor should the profile show signs of having a “break” or “stop.”



Straight



Good, slight concavity

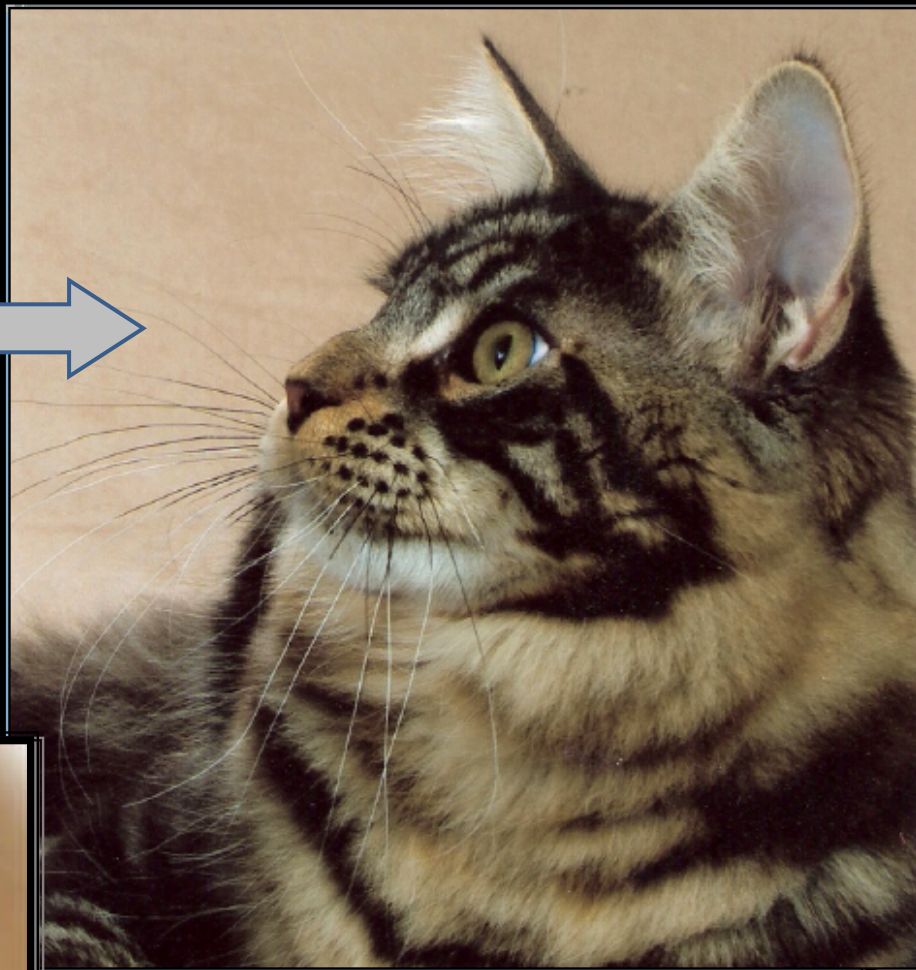


Square muzzle
from side view,
slight concavity to
the profile



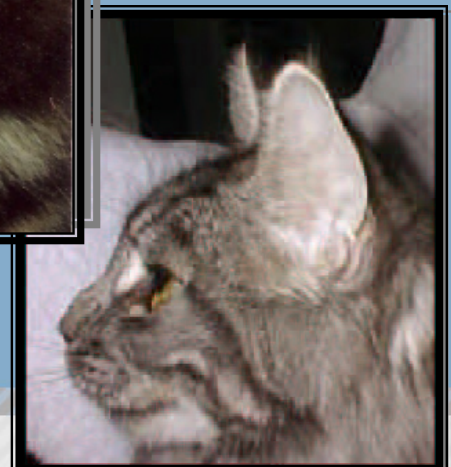
Profile (continued)

Nose Bump



Slight Nose Bump

Prominent Nose Bump



Profile (continued)

Proportionate to length of head



Slight concavity



Smooth, no bumps



Chin

CHIN: should be strong, firm and in line with the upper lip and nose. When viewed in profile the chin depth should be observable and give the impression of a square, 90-degree angle. A chin lacking in depth, i.e. one that tapers from the jaw line to the lip, is not considered strong, firm or desirable.

Square 90 degree angle



Shallow Chin (undesirable)



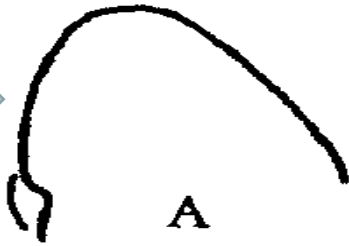
Good depth



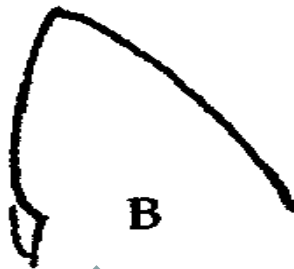
Ears (10 points)

EARS: Shape - large, well-tufted, wide at base, tapering to appear pointed.
Set - approximately one ear's width apart at the base; not flared.

Rounded



A



B



C

Correct, tapering to appear pointed

P
o
i
n
t
e
d

Wide at base, tapering to appear pointed



One ear width apart



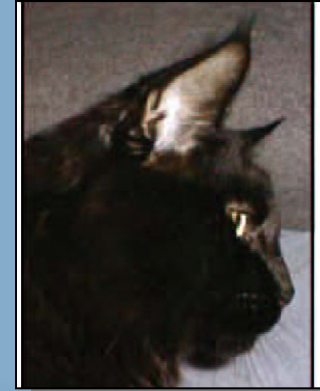
Ears (continued)

If the outer base of the ear is set way back from the inner base the ears will appear flared.



Not flared

Flared



Female with good ear furnishings



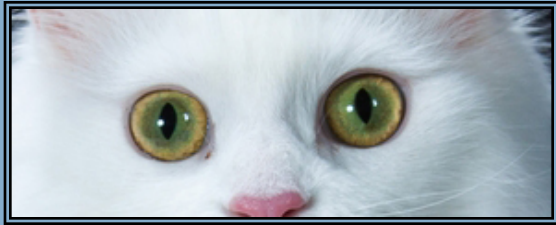
Ear set appears different depending on maturity and size of the head.

Ear set may be wider on mature males making ears appear smaller



Eyes (5 points)

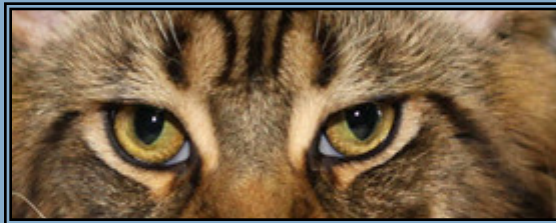
EYES: large, expressive, wide set with an opened oval shape. Slightly oblique setting with slant toward outer base of ear.



Too round



Too slanted



Flat on top

Large OPEN OVAL



Eyes (continued)

EYE COLOR: shades of green, gold, green-gold or copper. White cats and all cats with white may have blue or odd eyes.



*No preferred
eye color*

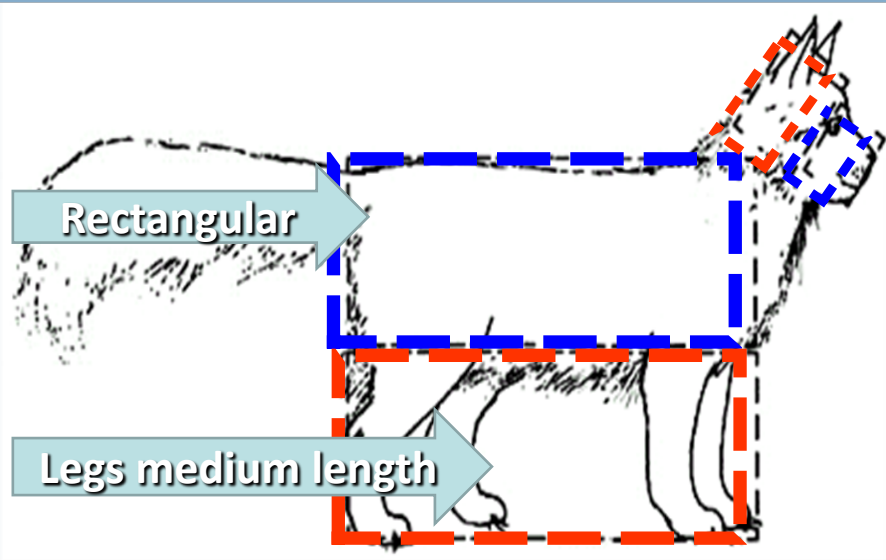


Eyes (color continued)

EYE COLOR: shades of green, gold, green-gold or copper. **White cats and all cats with white may have blue or odd eyes.** **NOTE: Standard Change 2016*



Body Shape (15 points)



BODY SHAPE: muscular, broad-chested. Size medium to large. Females generally are smaller than males. The body should be long with all parts in proportion to create a well-balanced rectangular appearance with no part of the anatomy being so exaggerated as to foster weakness.

Allowance should be made for slow maturation.



Body Shape (continued)



Neck (5 points)



Legs and Feet (5 points)

LEGS and FEET: legs substantial, wide set, of medium length, and in proportion to the body. Forelegs are straight. Back legs are straight when viewed from behind. Paws large, round, well-tufted. Five toes in front; four in back.



Substantial, wide set,
medium length

Legs straight-Front and
Behind



Legs and Feet (5 points)

COAT: heavy and shaggy; shorter on the shoulders and longer on the stomach and britches.
Frontal ruff desirable. Texture silky with coat falling smoothly.

Coat falling smoothly, silky



Shaggy, longer on stomach & britches



Coat (continued)



Coat (continued)



Frontal ruff

Britches & long flowing tail fur



Excellent examples of shaggy coat



Belly shag



Tail (5 points)

TAIL: long, wide at base, and tapering. Fur long and flowing



Body Color and Pattern (15 points)

Tabby Patterns

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: markings dense, clearly defined, and broad. Legs evenly barred with bracelets coming up to meet the body markings. Tail evenly ringed. Several unbroken necklaces on neck and upper chest, the more the better. Frown marks on forehead form an intricate letter “M.” Unbroken line runs back from outer corner of eye. Swirls on cheeks.

Vertical lines over back of head extend to shoulder markings which are in the shape of a butterfly with both upper and lower wings distinctly outlined and marked with dots inside outline. Back markings consist of a vertical line down the spine from butterfly to tail with a vertical stripe paralleling it on each side, the three stripes well separated by stripes of the ground color. Large solid blotch on each side to be encircled by one or more unbroken rings. Side markings should be the same on both sides. Double vertical rows of buttons on chest and stomach.



Body Color and Pattern (continued)

MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN: markings dense, clearly defined, and all narrow pencilings.

Legs evenly barred with narrow bracelets coming up to meet the body markings. Tail barred. Necklaces on neck and chest distinct, like so many chains. Head barred with an “M” on the forehead. Unbroken lines running back from the eyes. Lines running down the head to meet the shoulders. Spine lines run together to form a narrow saddle. Narrow pencilings run around body.

TICKED TABBY PATTERN: shows pronounced ticking on body and when viewed from above will show darkening at the dorsal crest but will otherwise be free from pattern or any noticeable spots, stripes or blotches. Body hairs will be TICKED with various shades of marking color and ground color. The cat will show full tabby markings on face and legs and the lighter underside may also show tabby markings.



Tabby Patterns



Mackerel Tabby



Classic Tabby



Ticked Tabby

NOTE: Standard change 2016 Ticked Tabby Maine Coon Cats compete within their appropriate tabby color classes, no longer in AOV.

(Example: the 3 brown tabbies pictured would compete in the same class.)

****Spotted Tabby Pattern can be registered but not shown.***



Examples of Colors



**Silver Patched Tabby
Van**



Tortoiseshell



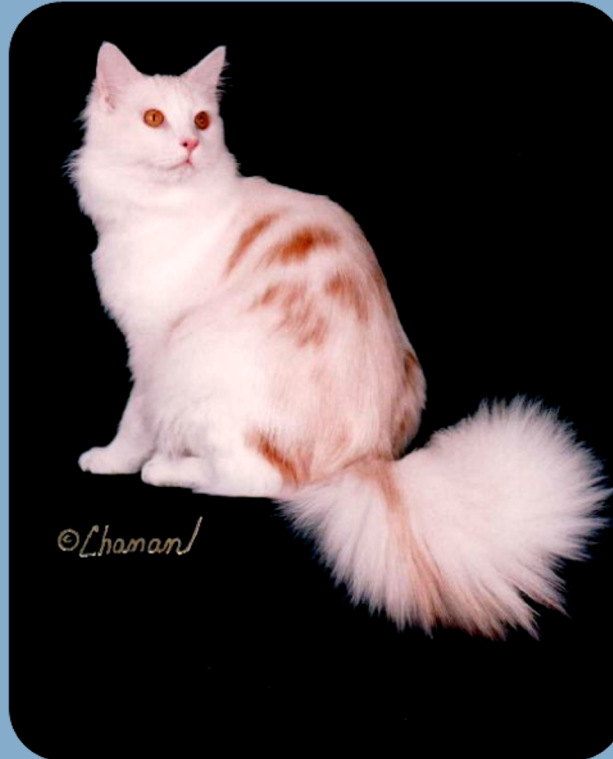
**Red Classic Tabby
& White**



Examples of Colors



**Tortoiseshell &
White**



**Cameo Tabby &
White**



**Silver Classic
Tabby & White**



Examples of Colors



**Brown Patched
Classic Tabby**



Black & White



**Silver Patched
Tabby & White**



Examples of Colors



Red Ticked Tabby



Brown Ticked Tabby



**Silver Patched Ticked
Tabby & White**



Examples of Colors



Silver Ticked Tabby ADULT



Silver Ticked Tabby KITTEN



Brown Patched Ticked Tabby



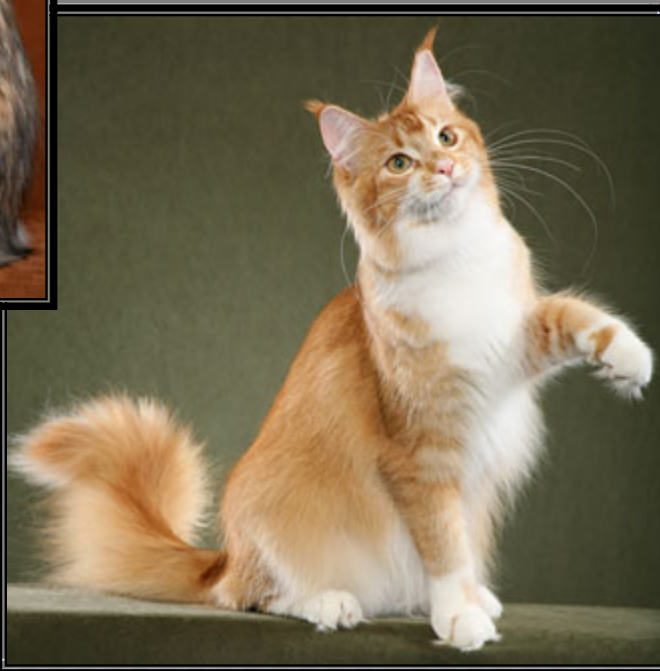
Examples of Colors



**Silver Patched
Ticked Tabby**



**Brown Ticked Tabby
& White**



Red Ticked Tabby & White



Examples of Colors



**Blue Patched Tabby
& White**



**Brown Patched Classic
Tabby & White**



Blue Tabby & White



Examples of Colors



**Blue Mackerel
Tabby**



Blue Silver Classic Tabby



**Shaded Cameo
(Red Silver)**



Examples of Colors



Cameo Mackerel Tabby & White



Silver Classic Tabby



Black Smoke



Examples of Colors



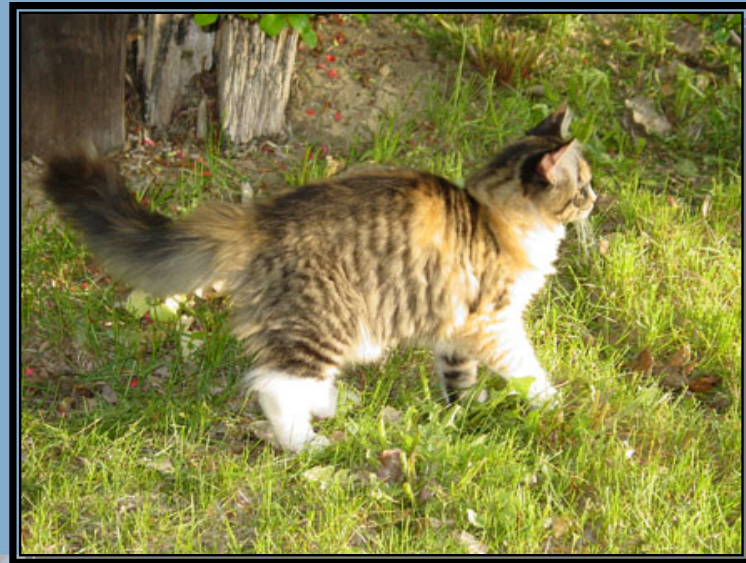
Tortoiseshell Smoke & White



**Black
Smoke &
White**



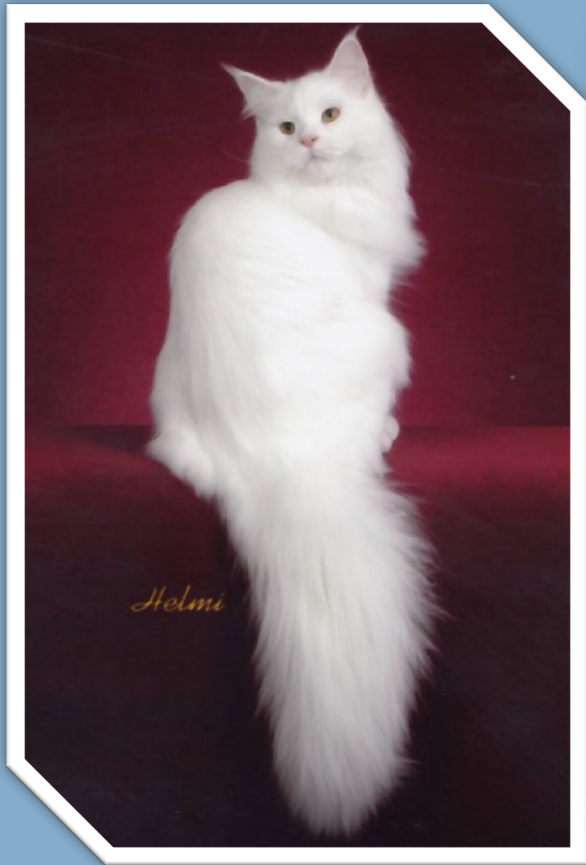
Calico



Brown Patched Mackerel Tabby & White



Examples of Solid Colors



White



Black



Blue & White

Coat color sound to the root



Various Amounts of White on Underside

WITH WHITE CATS

- White required on bib, belly & all 4 paws
- Belly band permitted



Example of belly color



Penalize/Disqualify






PENALIZE: a coat that is short or overall even.

DISQUALIFY:

- Delicate bone structure
- Undershot chin, i.e. the front teeth (incisors) of the lower jaw overlapping or projecting beyond the front teeth of the upper jaw when the mouth is closed.
- Crossed eyes
- Kinked tail
- Incorrect number of toes
- White buttons, white lockets, or white spots
- Cats showing evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, lavender, or the Himalayan pattern



Handling Tips

-  **Support the cat under both the shoulders and under the hips**
-  **Try not to bump the cat's back or head on the top of the cage opening**
-  **Allow the cat to have all four feet on the table, allow them to stand erect**
-  **Please do not bounce the cat on the table**
-  **If a scratching post is available, encourage the cat to stretch themselves to their full length**



Cats on the Table



Amiable Disposition



PLEASE ENJOY A VISUAL STROLL THRU CFA MAINE COON CAT HISTORY



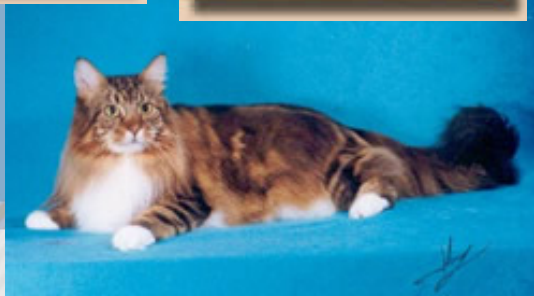
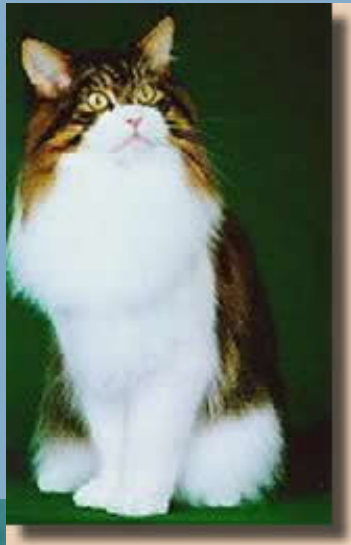
***NATIONAL WINNING
MAINE COON CATS
1982 ~ Present***



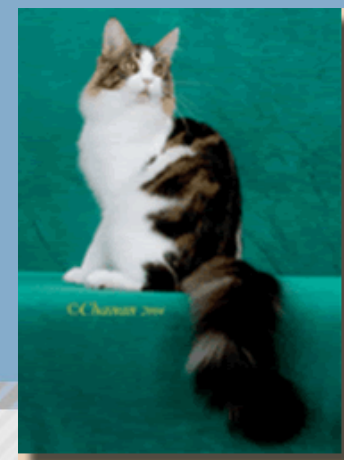
1982 thru 1992

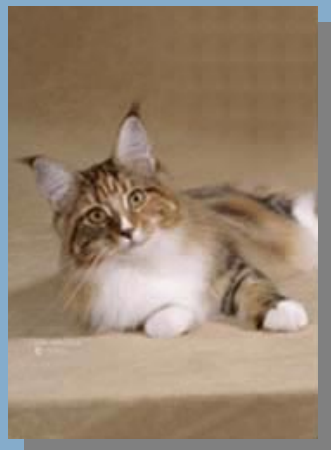


1993 thru 2000

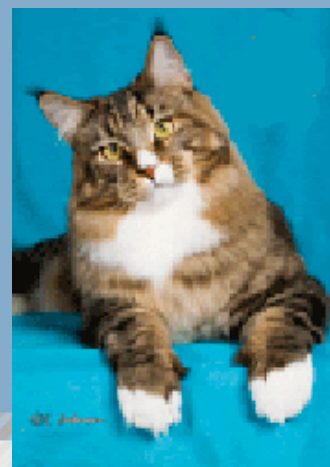


2001 thru 2004

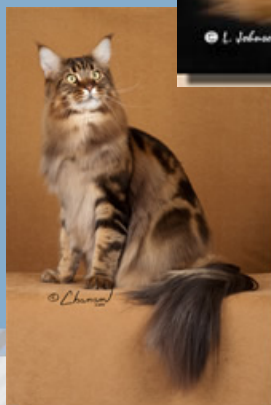
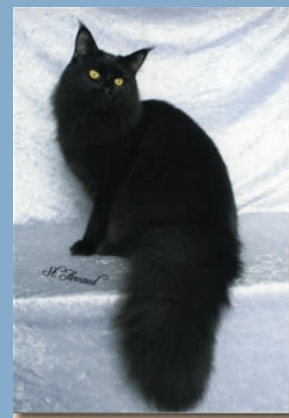
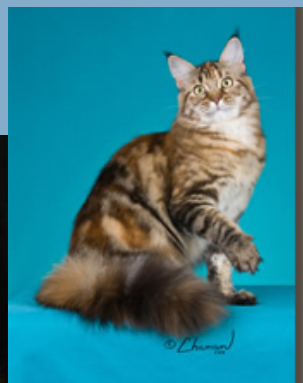
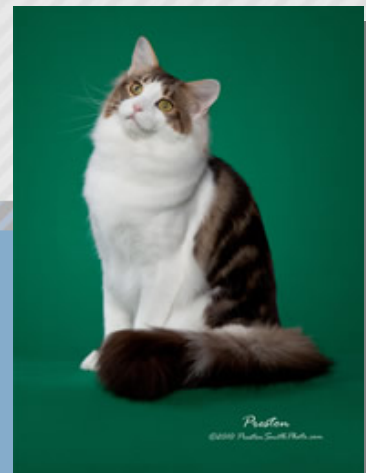
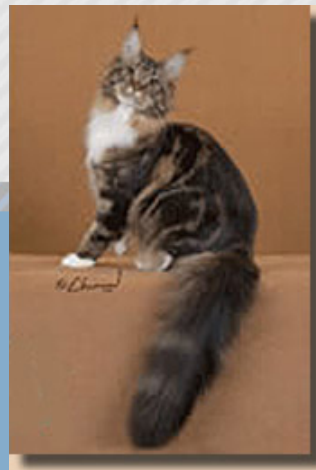


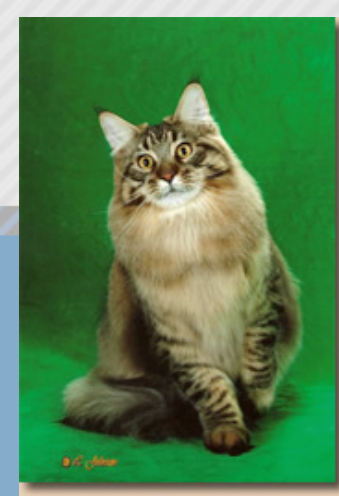


2005 thru 2007

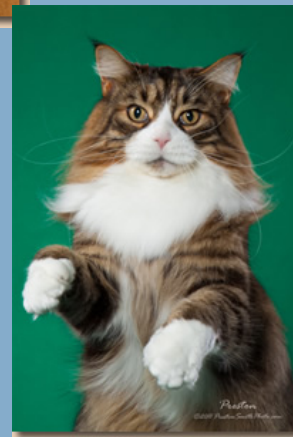


2008 thru 2010





2011 thru 2012



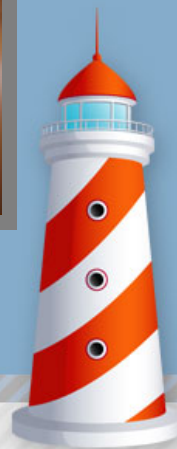


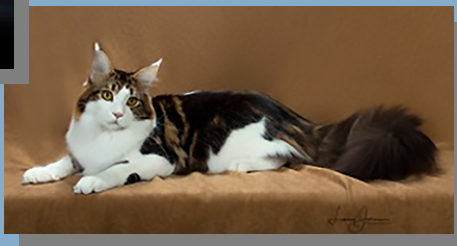
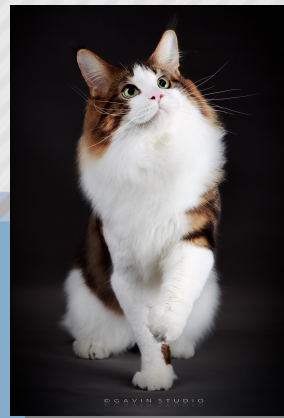
2013 thru 2014





2015 thru 2016

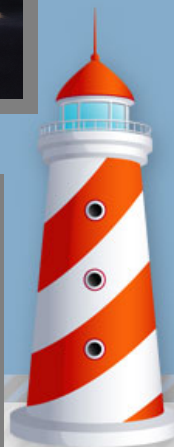




2017 thru 2018



2019 thru 2020



The End



For additional information visit:
www.mainecoonbc.org

Breed Council Secretary:
Bethany Colilla
believerscattery@gmail.com

