



## Feline Fanciers' Federation Breed Standard AMERICAN SHORTHAIR

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### American Shorthair POINT SCORE

Scoring Area	Scores
Head	
(a) Shape	10
(b) Ears	5
(c) Eyes	10
(d) Muzzle, Chin and jaws	5
(e) Nose and profile	5
Body structure	
(a) Shape & Size	10
(b) Legs & Feet	5
(c) Boning	10
(d) Tail	5
Coat Color and Pattern	15
Coat	10
Balance	5
Condition	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

#### GENERAL:

The American Shorthair is a true breed of working cat. The conformation should be adapted for this with no part of the anatomy so exaggerated as to foster weakness. The general effect should be that of a strongly built, well balanced, symmetrical cat with conformation indicating power, endurance, and agility.

#### HEAD

EYES	large and wide with upper lid shaped like half an almond (cut lengthwise) and lower lid shaped in a fully rounded curve. At least width of one eye between eyes. Outer corners set very slightly higher than inner corners. Bright, clear and alert.
NOSE & PROFILE	medium length, same width for entire length. Viewed in profile, gentle concavely curved rise from bridge of nose to forehead
EARS	medium size, slightly rounded at tips and not unduly open at base. Distance between ears, measured from lower inner corners, twice



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	distance between eyes
HEAD SHAPE	large, with full-cheeked face giving the impression of an oblong just slightly longer than wide. Expression is sweet and open. Viewed from front, head can be divided in two equal parts; from base of ears to middle of eyes and from middle of eyes to chin tip. Forehead when viewed in profile, forehead forms smooth, moderately convex continuous curve flowing over top of head into neck. Viewed from front, there is no dome between ears.
CHIN MUZZLE	Muzzle is squared. Definite jowls in mature males. Jaw is strong and long enough to successfully grasp prey. Both level and scissors bites considered equally correct. (In level bite, top and bottom front teeth meet evenly. In scissors bite, inside edge of top front teeth touch outside edge of lower front teeth.)
CHIN	firm and well-developed, forming perpendicular line with upper lip

### **BODY:**

SHAPE	Solidly built, powerful, and muscular with well-developed shoulders, chest, and hindquarters. Back broad, straight and level. Viewed in profile, slight slope down from hip bone to base of tail. Viewed from above, outer lines of body parallel
SIZE	Medium to large. No sacrifice of quality for the sake of size
PROPORTIONS	Slightly longer than tall. (Height is profile measure from top of shoulder blades to ground. Length is profile measure from tip of breastbone to rear tip of buttocks.) Viewed from side, body can be divided into three equal parts: from tip of breastbone to elbow, from elbow to front of hind leg, and from front of hind leg to rear tip of buttocks.
LEGS & FEET	Medium in length and bone, heavily muscled. Viewed from rear, all four legs straight and parallel with paws facing forward.
TAIL	Medium long, heavy at base, tapering to abrupt blunt end in appearance but with normal tapering final vertebrae. Length of tail is equal to distance from shoulder blades to base of tail

### **COAT:**

Coat is short, thick, even and hard in texture. Regional and seasonal variation in coat thickness allowed. Coat dense enough to protect from moisture, cold, and superficial skin injuries.



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### **COAT COLOR:**

Harmony in overall color tune is preferred.

### **EYE COLOR:**

Brilliant in color. Odd eye color: a big contrast between two eye colors is required.

### **CONDITION:**

Condition includes grooming, health condition, weight, coat texture, clean.

### **DISQUALIFY:**

- ❖ Cats showing evidence of hybridization resulting in the colors chocolate, sable, lavender, lilac, or point-restricted (i.e. Siamese-type markings).
- ❖ Any appearance of hybridization with any other breed – including long or fluffy fur, deep nose break, bulging eye set, brow ridge.
- ❖ Kinked or abnormal tail.
- ❖ Locket or button (white spots on colors not specifying same).
- ❖ Incorrect number of toes.
- ❖ Undershot or overshot bite.
- ❖ Tongue persistently protruding.
- ❖ Obesity or emaciation.
- ❖ Any feature so exaggerated as to foster weakness.

### **AMERICAN SHORTHAIR CODE AND NUMBERS**

<b>Type of Registered Cats</b>	<b>Male Class</b>	<b>Female Class</b>
Pedigreed	PASHM	PASHF
Supernova	SASHM	SASHF

**American Shorthair allowable outcross breeds: NONE**