



Feline Fanciers' Federation Breed Standard

Chinese Li Hua Cat

POINT SCORE

Scoring Area	Scores
Head	
(a) Shape & Size	10
(b) Nose & Profile	5
(c) Ears	5
(d) Eyes	5
Body structure	
(a) Shape & Size	15
(b) Legs & Feet	5
(c) Tail	5
Coat	
(a) Length	5
(b) Texture	10
Color	
(a) Body Color	10
(b) Body Pattern & Ticking	10
(c) Eye Color	5
Balance	5
Condition	5
Total	100

GENERAL:

The Li Hua Cat is one of the earliest known breeds of domestic cat native in China. They live in a wide area of China for centuries and they are known as good hunters. They are a sturdy, well-proportioned, natural breed with gentle, even dispositions. They are relatively slow to mature, taking as long as three years. Females are generally smaller than males and allowances should be considered when comparing females and young cats to the standard.

HEAD

EYES	Large, bright, alert, and almond shaped with the outer corner higher than the inner corner.
EARS	Alert and moderately pointed, continuing the planes of the head. Broad at base. Slightly flared with good width between the ears. Hair on ears short and close lying. May be tufted.



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NOSE & PROFILE	A visible, but gentle, rise from the bridge of the nose to the brow with no obvious forehead break. The nose is the same width for its entire length. Nose leather: brick red, dark brown or black.
HEAD SHAPE AND SIZE	Broad modified wedge, longer than it is wide; size in proportion to the body, and rounded between the ears. The lower jaw is slightly shorter than the upper jaw but a proper bite is evident.

BODY:

SHAPE & SIZE	<p>Torso: Wide, strong, rectangular shape with a wide chest and well developed muscles. The length should be longer than the height; viewed from the side, the back should be almost flat. The difference in size between adult males and adult females is significant. Allowance to be made for muscular necks and shoulders in adult males.</p> <p>Neck: the neck is short and strong making a smooth transition between the head and body.</p>
LEGS & FEET	<p>Medium in size, in proportion to the body. Legs are straight, well-muscled and strong. The front legs are the same length or slightly lower than the back legs. Paws are broad, large and oval shape with five toes in front and four behind.</p> <p>Paw pads: black and the hair between the toes is black – the darker the better. The tail is clearly marked with rings and the tip is black.</p>
TAIL	Slightly shorter than the length of the body, with no sudden tapering at the tip.

COAT & SKIN:

Short to medium in length. Soft, silky and dense with a downy texture to the roots with no trace of undercoat.



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COLOR:

COAT COLOR:

Hairs on the body are ticked, except for the beige hair on the belly and chin. The lower part of the belly should be brown yellow, with at least two vertical and four horizontal leopard spots. White lips and chin are permitted. The ground color has a black root, the middle is a light yellowish color and the tip is brown - sometimes referred to as "mouse coat". The black pattern color has a lighter root, a dark brown middle and a black tip.

TICKING:

All hairs except the tip of the tail are banded. Within the markings, hairs are tipped with a darker color, while hairs in the ground color are tipped with a lighter color.

PATTERN:

Spectacular contrast and clarity of the brown mackerel tabby pattern. There are lines on the forehead, becoming darker between the ears to the back of the head. Mascara markings are found around the eyes and on cheeks. These are known as the "tears of the dragon". There is a small black spot at the upper rear corner of mouth that produces a smiling expression. Starting from the neck, at least one clear black line separates the ground color, equally dividing the markings on both sides of the body. There must be at least one unbroken necklace on the chest. The body and flanks are covered by several complete or incomplete vertical lines. The legs are covered by bracelets.

EYE COLOR:

Green, yellow or brown; green preferred. Rims of the eyes: outlined with lighter, primrose yellow.

CONDITION:

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



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PENALIZE:

- ❖ Fat body;
- ❖ Ear size not in proportion with the head;
- ❖ Too wide or too narrow forehead;
- ❖ Outer corner of eyes not higher than inner corner;
- ❖ Mixed colors in the coat, detracting from clarity contrast of the pattern,
- ❖ Evidence of obesity, paunchiness, weakness, or apathy.

DISQUALIFY:

- ❖ Improper bite;
- ❖ Eye color other than green, yellow or brown;
- ❖ Incorrect number of toes;
- ❖ Kinked or otherwise deformed tail;
- ❖ Long hair;
- ❖ Lack of at least one complete necklace on the chest;
- ❖ White paws;
- ❖ White locket or spotting, or white anywhere other than around eyes, nostrils, chin, and upper throat;
- ❖ Tip of tail not black;
- ❖ Nose is flesh colored, white or other light colors;
- ❖ Any color/pattern other than brown mackerel tabby.

CHINESE LI HUA CAT CODE AND NUMBER

Type of Registered Cats	Male Color Class	Female Color Class
Miscellaneous	MHUAM	MHUAF

Chinese Li Hua Cat allowable outcross breeds: None