

Cheetoh - Experimental

Introduction	Points	The goal of the Cheetoh breeding program is to create a cat with an extraordinary wild look and an extremely docile and gentle nature. The Cheetoh incorporates the distinctive characteristics of both the Ocicat and the Bengal, but with its own unique attributes, including extremely large size, unsurpassed gentleness of character and a wild look that otherwise can only be found in the jungle.
Description	100	The Cheetoh, though demonstrating a very fierce appearance is at all times an incredibly social and loving cat, never aloof or showing any tendencies towards aggressive or standoffish behaviour. The males exhibit definite maternal characteristics towards kittens and younger cats, never being hostile or antagonistic, a mannerism exclusive to the Ocicat and rarely seem in other feline breeds. The gentle and mild-mannered temperament is a dependable character trait of the Cheetoh. This cat is also extremely intelligent and curious often demonstrating an un-feline sense of humour. The Cheetoh is significantly larger than the average Ocicat or Bengal, with weights ranging from 5 – 12 kilos for males and up to 7 kilos for the females
Head	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broad modified wedge with curve from muzzle to cheek. Allowance made for jowls in adult males. Overall look is very similar to that of a cougar. • Profile – Slight, smooth visible rise from the bridge of nose to the brow. • Muzzle – Full and broad, somewhat long but well defined. Moderate degree of break at whisker pads. • Strong chin in proportion to the muzzle • Strong jaw with even bite
Muzzle	10	
Neck		Arched and muscular. In proportion to head and body.
Nose	5	Large and wide
Ears	6	Moderate to large, with wide base. Lynx tips are desirable. Light eyes or bars across the back of the ears are also desirable.
Eye Shape	4	Large almond, slightly rounded in shape, set wide apart.
Eye Colour		All eye colours allowed with no relationship between coat and eye colour except in the lynx point snow colour where the eyes are a deep vivid blue.
Body	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torso is large and muscular with depth to chest. Back level to slightly higher in rear. • Boning moderate to strong. • Allowance given for smaller size in females.
Musculature	5	Very muscular with an athletic appearance
Legs	5	Medium long – can be slightly longer in back than front. Well muscled and athletic.
Paws		Large and round with prominent knuckles
Tail	5	Medium length, thick with a rounded end. Some tapering allowable but not desirable

Coat	5	Very short, sleek and shiny. Texture – thick and close lying, tight. Very velvety to the touch. Must be spotted or Rosetted with the exception of the black marmalade colour. May be glittered or not glittered – no preference to either. Allowance to be made for kittens with longer fur.
Colour	15	Ground colour is lighter on the belly and underside of the chin. Bold facial markings are desired. Belly must be spotted in all colours. Silver colours may have some tarnishing on face and lower legs.
Pattern	20	There is an intricate tabby “M” or “U” on the forehead, with distinctive mascara markings and/or spots around the eyes and on the cheeks. Spots and/or elongated spots and markings extend up over the head between the ears, flowing down the neck and onto the shoulders. There can be random or distinct patterns flowing over the shoulders and onto the sides. Large thumbprint sized spots and/or rosettes appear on the sides of the torso, with smaller markings slowing down the shoulders and hindquarters. All patterns of spots and/or rosettes allowed. There are broken bracelets on the throat and neck and lower legs. Spots which extend down legs to the paws are desirable. Distinctive spots covering the main part of the body, can be random or aligned. Rosettes showing two distinct colour shades are desirable. Markings or spots allowed on legs, tail and face an may be darker than on the body. Patterns appearing on the shoulders and down the back are a bonus. These patterns can appear as a cape on younger kittens. Clarity of contrast preferred.
Condition		The Cheetoh is a very muscular cat that is athletic, graceful and lithe. This cat displays the stalking, low-shouldered walk that is common both in the Ocicat and the wild jungle cats, but is not typically exhibited in other domestic cats. The spotted and/or rosetted appearance with the large almond eyes and moderately large ears, enhances this distinctive wild look.

Recognised Colours	Eyes	Coat	Nose Leather	Paw Pads	Remarks
Brown/Black Spotted Tabby (Sienna undercoat)	Bronze/Gold/Copper/Green/Brown/Hazel		Dark Brick Red	Black	Tail Tip Black
	General: Includes variations of Sorrel, Tawny, Golden, Hot Rufus and Mahogany. A light ruddy ground colour is preferred. Markings: Shades of Black, Sable or Tan. Light coloured markings encircling the eyes and white ground colour on the whisker pads, chin, chest, belly and inside the legs is desirable. Black or Sable coloured markings and/or spots around the eyes and on the face are a bonus.				
Brown/Black Spotted Tabby (Gold/Tan undercoat)	Bronze/Gold/Copper/Green/Brown/Hazel		Dark Brick Red	Black	Tail Tip Black
	General: The underlying coat colour is a very light Golden Tan or Tan with Silver highlights. The coat can also be ticked very slightly with a mixture of black, white and shades of grey. Markings: Spots and/or rosettes are Sable Brown or Black in colour and are scattered over the shoulders, back, sides and haunches. Large spots and rosettes are desirable. Black markings or spots on the face and around the eyes are a bonus.				

Smoke/Blue Spotted Silver or Ivory	Bronze/Gold/ Copper/Green/ Brown/Hazel		Red hued. Outlined in black	Black	Tail Tip Black
<p>General: General The overall colour is one of Silver/Ivory or in some cases a mixture of greys. I.e. With Black, white and varying shades of grey mixed together.</p> <p>Markings: Spots and/or rosettes are distinct. Light coloured or white bars across the back of the ears are desirable. Light coloured markings encircle the eyes. Black markings and/or spots around the eyes and on the face are a bonus.</p>					
Black Spotted Silver	Bronze/Gold/ Copper/Green/ Brown/Hazel		Red hued. Outlined in black	Black	Tail Tip Black
<p>General: The overall colour is a cool sparkling silver overlaid with intense black markings, spots and rosettes. Some ticking allowed, but the degree of contrast should be intense.</p> <p>Markings: Black markings and/or spots on the face are desirable. White bars across the backs of the ears are desirable. Gold frost or glitter can appear across the shoulders and back. Rust coloured tarnishing on legs, face, head and nose is allowed.</p>					
Lynx Pointed Snow	Deep Bright Blue		Black with lighter reddish centre	Black	Tail Tip Black
<p>General: The body is a Snow White or Ivory with grey, black or sable shading on back and rump permitted. Extremities can be various shades of buff, light grey, sable or black.</p> <p>Markings: Gold, buff, sepia or mink coloured spots and/or rosettes cover the entire body, including the belly. Spots on legs are a bonus. The tail is black ringed with a black tip. The face has Sable or Black coloured markings and/or spots. Ears are a light grey or buff, with Sable or Black tip and Lynx Pointed. White bars across the backs of the ears are a bonus.</p>					
Black/Brown Marble Tabby	Bronze/Gold/ Copper/Green/ Brown/Hazel		Red hued centre outlined with black	Black with reddish overtone	Tail Tip Black
<p>General: This is a colour that is both Bengal and Oicat in origin.</p> <p>Markings: Markings are definite patterns of swirls, circles, rosettes, spots etc. Colours include Black, Sable or Ivory underground, Ivory or White belly that is spotted with above noted colours. Markings that are very similar on each side, legs and hips are highly desirable. A definite pattern appears down the back in contrasting colours to the underground. Tail and legs are similarly patterned as the body. White bars across the backs of the ears are a bonus.</p>					
Chocolate or Caramel Spotted Silver (Ivory)	Bronze/Gold/ Copper/Green/ Brown/Hazel		Dark Brick red	Brick or Pink for Cinnamon Spotted & Chocolate for Chocolate Spotted	Tail Tip Brick or Pink for Cinnamon Spotted & Chocolate for Chocolate Spotted
<p>General: The underlying coat colour is very light ivory or silver with overtones of sienna for the cinnamon spotted colours.</p> <p>Markings: Spots and/or rosettes are sable brown or cinnamon in colour and are scattered over the shoulders, back, sides and haunches. Large spots or rosettes are desirable. Darker markings and/or spots on face and around eyes are a bonus. Light coloured "spectacles" around eyes are desirable.</p>					
Other colours including Chocolate Spotted Silver, Cinnamon Spotted Silver and Cinnamon Spotted Ivory, Black Spots on Black undercoat, Chocolate spots on Chocolate undercoat, are allowed.					
<p>ALLOWABLE OUTCROSSES: Oicat to Bengal for first filial cross. Followed by schedule set by the Breed Standards Committee. NO DILUTES except BLUE are allowed and will not be registered as Cheetoh.</p>					