

Abyssinian Breed Standard Canada

	CCA (Canada)
General Description	The ideal Abyssinian is medium in size and shows firm muscular development. It is regal in appearance displaying a lively interest in all surroundings. Although an active cat, it is gentle and amenable to handle.
Head	<p>Total points head: 35 Head shape: 15 points Ears: 5 points Eye shape: 5 points Eye color: 5 points Facial Markings: 5 points</p> <p>HEAD: Shape: FRONT VIEW – The head is a modified wedge with rounded contours. The skull is round. The muzzle is not sharply pointed and there is no evidence of a whisker pinch. PROFILE – The transition between forehead, brow and muzzle is a gentle curve. The nose has no evidence of a sharp break. The chin is strong. Ears: Large, moderately pointed, IDEALLY WITH TUFTS at the tip, broad and cupped at the base, arched forward set as though listening. The hair on the ears is short and close lying. Hair is longer and lighter in colour on the inside of the ear. Eye shape: Almond shaped, large, brilliant and expressive. Eye color: Rich shade of gold, green, hazel or copper. The more richness and depth of colour, the better. Facial markings: Symmetrical and projecting a feral look. The eyes are accentuated by darker lid skins, encircled by a light coloured area. An “M” or darker colour appears vertically on the forehead. There is a short dark stroke at the outer corner of each eye. The upper throat, lips, nostrils and chin are cream or off-white.</p>
Body	<p>Total points for body: 25 Body: 15 points Legs: 4 points Feet: 3 points Tail: 3 points</p> <p>Body: The conformation projects a balance between American and Oriental types. The rib cage is rounded. The back is slightly arched when standing. The belly appears level without tuck-up. Legs: The length of the legs is in proportion with the body length. Feet: Neat, compact, oval and in proportion with the overall size of the cat. Tail: When measured over the back, the tail reaches the shoulder blades. It is wide at the base tapering towards the tip.</p>

**Coat
(Texture/
Color/
Ticking)**

Total points for Coat; **40**
Texture: 10 points
Color: 15 points
Ticking: 15 points

Coat general: ALLOWANCE (UP TO EIGHT MONTHS) FOR LIGHT LEG BARS, LIGHT NECKLACES, SHOULDER MARKINGS & DARK ROOTS.

Coat length/texture: The coat is soft, but dense and resilient to the touch with a lustrous sheen. It is medium in length and long enough to accommodate four or six alternating light and dark coloured bands. The ideal coat is to spring back into place when brushed backwards. The coat is longest at the spine, gradually shortening over the saddle, flank, legs and head.

Coat color: The base coat is clear, even colour without grey or black rooting (Ruddy) or ashiness (Sorrel). Colour of ears, nose leather, paw pads and underside as outlined in the Colour Description.

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