

# AMERICAN SHORTHAIR

Scale of points (also see General Preface)

<u>Head</u>	15	Broad with cheeks well-developed. especially in studs: allowance made for immature animals. Head should present a round-oval appearance when viewed from the top. Muzzle should appear square but not foreshortened or peke-faced. Must have a nose dip in profile. <u>PRESENCE OF A BREAK TO BE A WITHHOLD</u>
<u>Chin</u>	5	Strong appearance. well-developed, forming a perpendicular line with the upper lip.
<u>Ears</u>	5	Medium in size, proportionate to size of head, rounded at tips. Ears set straight up from the outside of the head.
<u>Eve Shape</u>	5	Eyes should be round.
<u>Eye Color</u>	5	Color must conform to requirements listed in coat color descriptions (see Appendix). Where orange or copper is called for the color shall be gold to copper.
<u>Neck</u>	5	Medium short, giving appearance of strength proportionate to body.
<u>Body</u>	20	Well-knit, powerful, showing good depth of flank, and a full muscular chest. Back should be medium In length and level, showing good muscle tone.
<u>Legs and Feet</u>	10	Legs approximately equal in length to depth of body, feet neat and well-rounded.
<u>Tail</u>	5	The length should be approximately the same as the distance from the posterior margin of the shoulders to the tail. Thick at base, tapering gradually to a rounded tip. Tail should be carried level with the body
<u>Color</u>	10	Coat color shall be as described in coat color descriptions (see Appendix). Allowance to be made for faint tabby markings on tail and legs in kittens and young cats For cats with special markings, up to total point value may be deducted for either color or markings. In Tortoiseshell, Tortoiseshell and White, and Blue-cream, a slight amount of brindling shall not be penalized.
<u>Coat Texture &amp; Length</u>	5	Medium length, well-bodied, giving a general appearance of shortness with no excessively long guard hairs. Somewhat heavier and thicker during winter months. Double, plushy, or soft coat to be HEAVILY penalized. Allowance to made for lack of luster in Blues.
<u>Condition and Balance</u>	10	Cat should be hard and muscular, giving a general appearance of power and vigor. Should have "heft". Neat and clean

Allowance is to be made for kittens and young adults under development. Thin, coarse, dry coat to be penalized 1-5 Points.