

Color Me Red!

	Red Female (OO)	Tortie/Torbie Female (Oo)	Black Female (oo)
Red Male (O)	Red Males Red Females	Red Males Black Males Red Females Tortie/Torbie Females	Black Males Tortie/Torbie Females
Black Male (o)	Red Males Tortie/Torbie Females	Red Males Black Males Tortie/Torbie Females Black Females	Black Males Black Females

The term "black" refers to any of the black-based colors - black, blue, chocolate, cinnamon, lilac, or fawn. The term "red" refers to either red or cream. Cream is the dilution of red. Red (O) is carried on the X chromosome and is referred to as "sex-linked" or "X-linked".

Red Rules of Thumb:

- 1) Red (O) is not "carried". If you don't see red or cream on one of the parents, there won't be red or cream on the kittens.
- 2) Red is a masking gene.
- 3) Red does not mask the expression of agouti – tabby markings almost always show in the red coloring even on non-genetic tabbies (i.e. genetic solids).
- 4) If the sire is red/cream **ALL FEMALE** progeny will be tortie/torbie or red/cream