

SERENGETI (SE)

HEAD	35 points
Shape	4
Ears	12
Eyes	5
Chin	2
Muzzle	2
Nose	1
Profile	5
Neck	4

BODY	30 points
Torso	5
Legs	10
Feet	2
Tail	3
Boning	5
Musculature	5

COAT/COLOR/PATTERN . . .	35 points
Length	3
Texture	2
Pattern	20
Color	10

CATEGORY: Traditional.

DIVISIONS: Tabby, Solid, and Silver/Smoke.

COLOR: Tabby Division: Brown spotted tabby ONLY; Solid Division: Black ONLY; Silver/Smoke Division: Black silver spotted tabby and black smoke.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: Oriental Shorthair, Bengal.

HEAD:

Shape: The head is longer than it is wide; a modified wedge, starting at the nose and flaring out in a straight line to base of ears forming a triangle with a slight break at the whiskers. Cheeks should not be prominent.

Ears: Wide and deep at the base with rounded tips. Strikingly large, equal to the length of the head. Set upright and close together on the top of the head.

Eyes: Round and large. Neither protruding nor recessed. Separated by a broad nose. Much more than an eye width apart. Gold or yellow eye color preferred, hazel to light green allowed.

Chin: Strong and lines up with tip of nose in the same vertical plane, neither receding nor excessively massive.

Muzzle: Medium with moderately full and rounded whisker pads. With a slight break at the whiskers.

Nose: Moderately wide, even width throughout the length.

Profile: Straight line from the nose to the brow, then gently sloping to the top of the head, flowing into an arched neck.

Neck: Long in proportion to body. Flowing from the shoulder with no taper into the back skull.

BODY:

Torso: Semi-foreign and solid with a substantial torso of good depth. Rump and shoulders should be the same level giving a very upright posture. Males may be somewhat larger than females.

Legs: Extremely long with medium boning and musculature.

Feet: Medium, oval.

Tail: Thick and tapering slightly from the body to the end. Medium, ideally short of shoulder when laid along torso.

Boning: Medium leg boning.

Musculature: Long and lean.

COAT:

Length: Short and even.

Texture: Fine textured, dense, with some loft.

COLOR:

Tabby Division: Any shade of brown with high contrast between the ground color and spots. Light to white underbelly, chin and front of muzzle. Back of ears with eye spot. Glitter acceptable.

Solid Division: Black solid, ghost spots may be visible.

Silver/Smoke Division: Black spots on a clear silvery body; black smoke.

PATTERN: Random spotted or solid. In spotted cats preference given to random high contrast spot pattern; spot pattern on shoulders and hips extending down the legs and black rings around the tail. Two-toned spots (rosettes) should be penalized.

OTHER:

Balance: Square build with level top line.

Condition: Well-muscled.

Temperament: Confident. Must be unchallenging.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The ideal Serengeti cat is a medium-sized cat with long legs. It should be in excellent physical condition, strong and muscular. It should appear as a graceful, statuesque, squarely built cat with a very upright posture. Also noticeable is the long neck, which blends into the base of the skull without tapering. Strikingly large round-tipped ears, equal to the length of the head are one of the main features of the Serengeti. They should have a gentle, confident, outgoing and alert temperament.

PENALIZE: Spots tending towards bars on side of body; two-tone (rosetted) spots; heavy ticking; small ears; short legs.

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW): White tail tip, or toes. Blue eyes.

DISQUALIFY (DQ): Miniaturization.



Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.