

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.
2009 BREED COUNCIL POLL

BRITISH SHORTHAIR

Total Members: 56
 Ballots Received: 43
 60% of Voting: 26

1. Current:

TORTOISESHELL: black and rich red to be softly mingled, with both colors clearly defined over the whole animal but without any obvious patches of either color, with the exception of a short, narrow blaze which is permissible. While a single shade of rich red is desirable, the presence of two shades of red should not be heavily penalized. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink and/or black. **Eye color:** gold or copper. **Penalize:** tabby markings, unbroken color on paws. Unequal balance of color. **Disqualify:** white anywhere.

BLUE-CREAM: blue and cream to be softly mingled, not patched. **Nose leather and paws pads:** blue and/or pink. **Eye color:** gold or copper. **Penalize:** tabby markings, unbroken color on paws. Solid patches of color. **Disqualify:** white anywhere.

Proposed:

TORTOISESHELL: black and rich red to be softly mingled; ~~with both colors clearly defined over the whole animal but without any obvious patches of either color, with the exception of a short, narrow blaze which is permissible, not patched.~~ While a single shade of rich red is desirable, the presence of two shades of red should not be heavily penalized. **Nose leather and paw pads:** pink and/or black. **Eye color:** gold or copper. **Penalize:** tabby markings in the black, unbroken color on paws. Large solid patches of color. ~~Unequal balance of color.~~ **Disqualify:** white anywhere.

BLUE-CREAM: blue and cream to be softly mingled, not patched. **Nose leather and paws pads:** blue and/or pink. **Eye color:** gold or copper. **Penalize:** tabby markings in the blue, unbroken color on paws. Large solid patches of color. **Disqualify:** white anywhere.

YES: 34 NO: 9

RATIONALE: At some time in the past, the descriptions for tortoiseshell and blue-cream became very different, although they should always have been alike. These colors should be described in a way to bring the dominate and dilute color descriptions in line with each other and avoid the confusion of being described differently. The tortoiseshell currently also mentions the wording

“heavily penalized” for two different shades of red and yet doesn’t have it in the penalize section. The word “penalize” should not have been included in the wording when the intent was just to mention that two different shades could occur. In addition, currently our standard, when describing other colors (such as calico and dilute calico), allows for tabby markings in the cream and red, but NOT in the black or blue. This in no way changes the intent of what we have always desired.