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Use these colour descriptions for breeds which DO NOT have Specific Breed colour descriptions. Eye colour may differ from the norm in some breeds, please refer to the individual breed standard for additional guidance.

TABBY PATTERNS

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN

Markings dense, clearly defined and broad. Legs barred with bracelets. Tail evenly ringed ending in a dark tip. Necklaces on neck and upper chest are to be unbroken. Frown marks on forehead form a letter "M". Unbroken line runs back from outer corner of eye. Swirls on cheeks. Vertical lines over back of head extend to shoulder markings which are in the shape of a butterfly with both upper and lower wings distinctly outlined and marked with dots inside the outline. Back markings consist of a vertical line down the spine from butterfly to tail with a vertical stripe paralleling it on each side. Large solid blotch on each side to be encircled by one or more unbroken rings. Side markings should be the same on both sides. Double vertical rows of buttons on chest and stomach. Hocks to be same colour as markings.

MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN

Markings dense, clearly defined. Legs barred with bracelets. Tail evenly ringed ending with a dark tip Necklaces on neck and upper chest, are to be unbroken. Frown marks on forehead form an "M". Unbroken line runs back from outer corner of eye. Lines run down the head to meet the shoulders. Spine lines run together to form a narrow saddle. Unbroken lines run around the body vertically. Buttons on chest and stomach. Hocks to be same colour as markings.

SPOTTED TABBY PATTERN

Markings dense, clearly defined. Legs barred with bracelets. Tail spotted or broken rings ending with a dark tip. Necklaces on neck and upper chest, are to be broken. Frown marks on forehead form an "M". Line runs back from outer corner of eye. Broken lines run down the head to meet the shoulders. Spine lines consist of broken vertical lines preferably composed of spots. Spots on body may vary in size and shape but should not run together (i.e. a broken Mackerel pattern). Buttons on chest and stomach. Hocks to be same colour as markings.

TICKED TABBY PATTERN

Body hair to be ticked with shades of the marking colour and ground colour. Legs barred with bracelets. Tail evenly ringed. Must have at least one necklace. Frown marks on forehead form an "M". Line runs back from outer corner of eye. Spine line consists of darker dorsal shading. Body

colour should be free of noticeable spots, stripes, or blotches. Lighter underside may show buttons on chest and stomach.

PATCHED TABBY PATTERN

An established Classic, Mackerel, Spotted or Ticked Tabby with patches of red or cream.

TABBY COLOURS

BLUE TABBY

Coat: Ground colour pale bluish ivory. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings blue.

Nose Leather: Blue or old rose.

Paw Pads: Old rose. Eye Colour: Copper.

BLUE SILVER TABBY

Coat: Ground colour bluish silver. Undercoat white. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings blue.

Nose Leather: Blue or old rose rimmed with blue.

Paw Pads: Blue, old rose or pink Eye Colour: Green, hazel, copper

BLUE GOLDEN TABBY

Coat: Ground colour creamed honey. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings blue.

Nose Leather: Blue or old rose rimmed with blue.

Paw Pads: Blue, old rose or pink **Eye Colour**: Green, hazel, copper

BROWN TABBY

Coat: Ground colour coppery brown. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings black.

Nose Leather: Brick red.
Paw Pads: Black or brown.
Eye Colour: Copper.

CAMEO TABBY (RED SILVER)

Coat: Ground colour off white. Undercoat white. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings red.

Nose Leather: Pink. Paw Pads: Pink. Eye Colour: Copper.



CHOCOLATE TABBY

Coat: Ground colour milk chocolate. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings a

deep, dark chocolate.

Nose Leather: Brown or brick red.

Paw Pads: Brick red to cinnamon pink.

Eye Colour: Copper.

CHOCOLATE SILVER TABBY

Coat: Ground colour milk chocolate. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings a

deep, dark chocolate. Undercoat is white.

Nose Leather: Brown or brick red.
Paw Pads: Brick red to cinnamon pink.

Eye Colour: Copper.

CREAM TABBY

Coat: Ground colour pale cream. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings buff or cream.

Nose Leather: Pink.
Paw Pads: Pink.
Eye Colour: Copper.

CREAM SILVER (CREAM CAMEO) TABBY

Coat: Ground colour off white. Under coat white.

Markings cream.

Nose Leather: Pink.

Paw Pads: Pink.

Eye Colour: Copper.

GOLDEN TABBY

Coat: Ground colour cinnamon gold to warm honey. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings black.

Nose Leather: Brick red. Paw Pads: Black.

Eye Colour: Green, blue-green only.

LILAC TABBY

Coat: Ground colour pale frosty lavender with a pinkish patina. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings dark lavender.

Nose Leather: Lavender.

Paw Pads: Pink. Eye Colour: Copper.

LILAC SILVER TABBY

Coat: Ground colour pale frosty lavender with a pinkish patina. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings dark lavender. Undercoat is white.

Nose Leather: Lavender.

Paw Pads: Pink. Eye Colour: Copper.

RED TABBY

Coat: Ground colour cream to dark cream. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings

red.

Nose Leather: Flesh or coral pink. **Paw Pads**: Flesh or coral pink.

Eye Colour: Copper.

SILVER TABBY

Coat: Ground colour pale silver. White undercoat. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings black.

Nose Leather: Brick red. Paw Pads: Black.

Eye Colour: Green, hazel, or copper.

PATCHED TABBY COLOURS

BLUE PATCHED TABBY

Coat: Ground colour bluish ivory. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings blue with patches of cream.

Nose Leather: Blue, old rose, may be mottled with pink. **Paw Pads**: Blue, old rose, may be mottled with pink.

Eye Colour: Copper.

BLUE GOLDEN PATCHED TABBY

Coat: Ground colour creamed honey. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings blue with patches of cream.

Nose Leather: Blue, old rose, may be mottled with pink. **Paw Pads**: Blue, old rose, may be mottled with pink.

Eye Colour: Green, hazel, or copper.

BLUE SILVER PATCHED TABBY

Coat: Ground colour bluish ivory. White undercoat. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings blue with patches of cream. Fawn patina overcast.

Nose Leather: Blue, old rose, may be mottled with pink. **Paw Pads**: Blue, old rose, may be mottled with pink.

Eye Colour: Green, hazel, or copper.

BROWN PATCHED TABBY

Coat: Ground colour copper brown. Lips and chin the



same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings black patched with red.

Nose Leather: Brick red, may be mottled with pink. **Paw Pads**: Black or brown, may be mottled with pink.

Eye Colour: Copper.

CHOCOLATE PATCHED TABBY

Coat: Ground colour milk chocolate. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings dark chocolate patched with red.

Nose Leather: Brown, brick red, or cinnamon may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Brick red or cinnamon may be mottled with

pink.

Eye Colour: Copper.

CHOCOLATE SILVER PATCHED TABBY

Coat: Ground colour milk chocolate with markings of dark chocolate patched with red. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. White undercoat.

Nose Leather: Brown, brick red, or cinnamon may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Brick red or cinnamon may be mottled with

pink.

Eye Colour: Copper.

LILAC PATCHED TABBY

Coat: Ground colour pale frosty lavender with pinkish cast. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings darker lavender patched with cream.

Nose Leather: Lavender, may be mottled with pink. **Paw Pads**: lavender, may be mottled with pink.

Eye Colour: Copper.

LILAC SILVER PATCHED TABBY

Coat: Ground colour pale frosty lavender with pinkish patina. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings darker lavender patched with cream. White undercoat.

Nose Leather: Lavender, may be mottled with pink. **Paw Pads**: lavender, may be mottled with pink.

Eye Colour: Copper.

GOLDEN PATCHED TABBY

Coat: Ground colour warm honey. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings black patched with red.

Nose Leather: Brick red, may be mottled with pink. **Paw Pads**: Black, may be mottled with pink.

Eye Colour: Green, hazel, or copper.

SILVER PATCHED TABBY

Coat: Ground colour pale silver. Undercoat white. Lips and chin the same shade as the rings around the eyes. Markings black patched with red.

Nose Leather: Brick red, may be mottled with pink.

Paw Pads: Black, may be mottled with pink.

Eye Colour: Green, hazel, or copper.

Refer to the PARTI-COLOUR CHAPTER (Any Colour and White) for the Tabby and White descriptions.

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