

CHARTREUX (CX)

HEAD	39 points
Shape	7
Ears	10
Eyes	10
Muzzle	3
Nose	2
Profile	3
Neck	4

BODY	32 points
Torso	5
Size	5
Legs	6
Feet	2
Tail	4
Boning	5
Musculature	5

COAT/COLOR	29 points
Coat	14
Color	15

CATEGORY: Traditional.

DIVISION: Solid.

COLOR: Blue.

PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES:

None.

HEAD:

Shape: Comparatively large, rounded and broad, but not a sphere,

with slightly rounded forehead.

Cheeks are full, and jaws are powerful, especially in adult males over 2 years. Overall, the cat has a sweet, smiling expression.

Ears: Small to medium in size, placed high on the head with erect posture, minimal flare at base; slightly rounded tips.

Eyes: Rounded and open. Alert and expressive. Large but not overpowering. Moderately wide set. Color is gold to copper. Clear, deep, brilliant orange preferred.

Muzzle: Narrow in relation to head but is not pointed.

Nose: Straight (from slight stop at the end of the nose); medium in length in width.

Profile: High, softly contoured forehead; slight stop permitted.

Neck: Short, strong, heavy-set.

BODY:

Torso: Sturdy with broad shoulders and deep chest, medium long

in length. Size in females medium; males large.

Legs: Short to medium in length with fine; strong boning. Musculature of upper portion of leg is medium for

females, and may be heavier for mature studs.

Feet: Small and round.

Tail: Heavy at base; tapering to oval tip. Lively and flexible; of moderate length, measuring short of the shoulder blades.

Musculature: Dense, solid.

COAT/COLOR:

Length: Medium-short.

Texture: Dense. Slightly wooly.

Resilient, all weather coat. Silkier, thinner coat permitted on females and cats under 2 years.

Color: Any shade of blue-gray from ash to slate. Tips may appear to be lightly brushed with silver.

Emphasis on uniformity and clarity of color rather than shade. Preferred tone is a bright, unblemished blue with an overall iridescent sheen.

Nose leather is slate gray; lips blue; paw pads are blue with rose-taupe overtones. Allowance for ghost barring in kittens and tail rings in juveniles under 2 years.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Chartreux is a sturdy French breed coveted since antiquity for its hunting prowess and its dense, water repellent fur. Its husky, robust type is sometimes termed primitive, being neither cobby nor classic/domestic.

Though large, Chartreux are extremely supple and agile cats; refined, never coarse or clumsy.

Males are much larger than females and slower to mature. Coat texture, coat color and eye color are affected by sex, age and natural factors.

The qualities of strength, intelligence and amenability, which have enabled the Chartreux to survive the centuries

unaided, should be evident in all exhibition animals and preserved through careful selection. The Chartreux has a gentle but seldom used voice and is a calm, affectionate cat.

The robust body is large and wellproportioned

but never gross. The shoulders are large and muscular with a well-developed chest giving a solid, sturdy appearance. The males will be more massive than the females, with the mature male weighing from 10-14 pounds and the mature females at least 6-9 pounds.

The legs are straight, fine-boned and comparatively short for the body size.

PENALIZE: Severe nose stop. Snubbed, humped or upturned nose. Broad, heavy muzzle. Almondshaped eyes. Eyes too close together giving an angry look..

WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW):

Green eyes. White lockets.

* All breeds must to present a unchallenging temperament; the cat may show fear, seek to flee, or may complain aloud, but may not threaten to hurt. Any sign of definite threat shall disqualify. Disqualifications: a cat that bites, a cat that shows evidence to deceive, adult whole males with not two descended testicles, cats with parts or whole tail missing or with tails faults (except the approved breeds), polydactyl cats (except the approved breeds), crossed eyes, total blindness, smaller size for the breed, depression of the sternum or usually small diameter of the rib cage itself.